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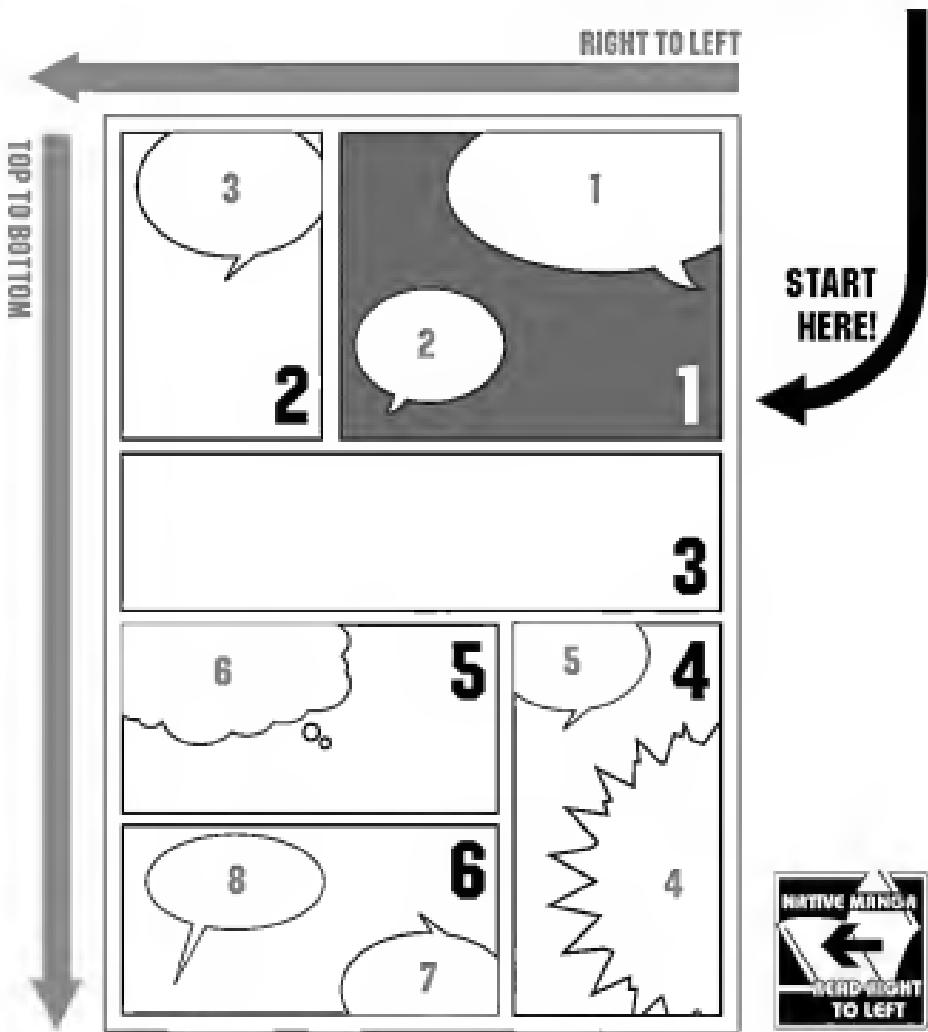
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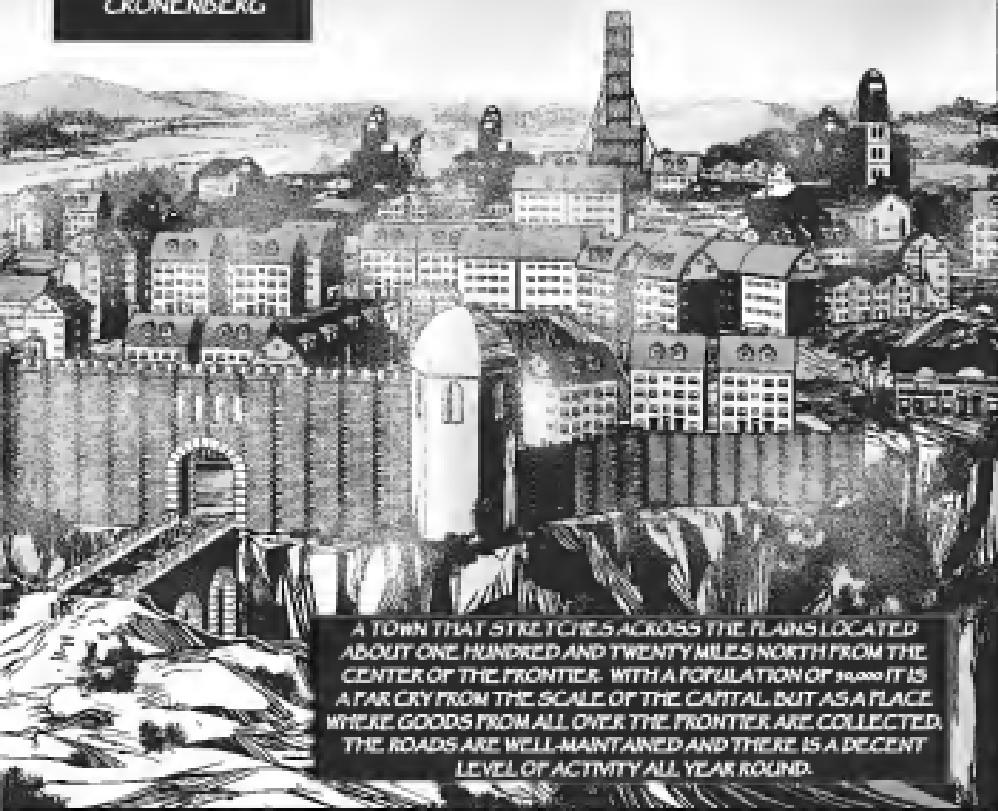
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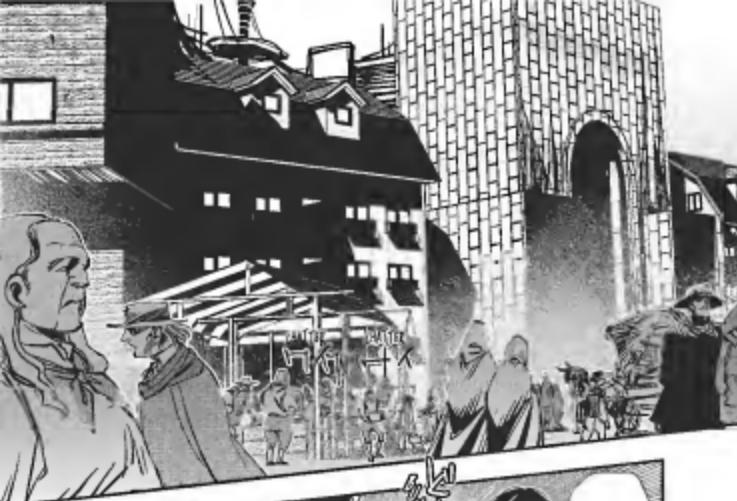
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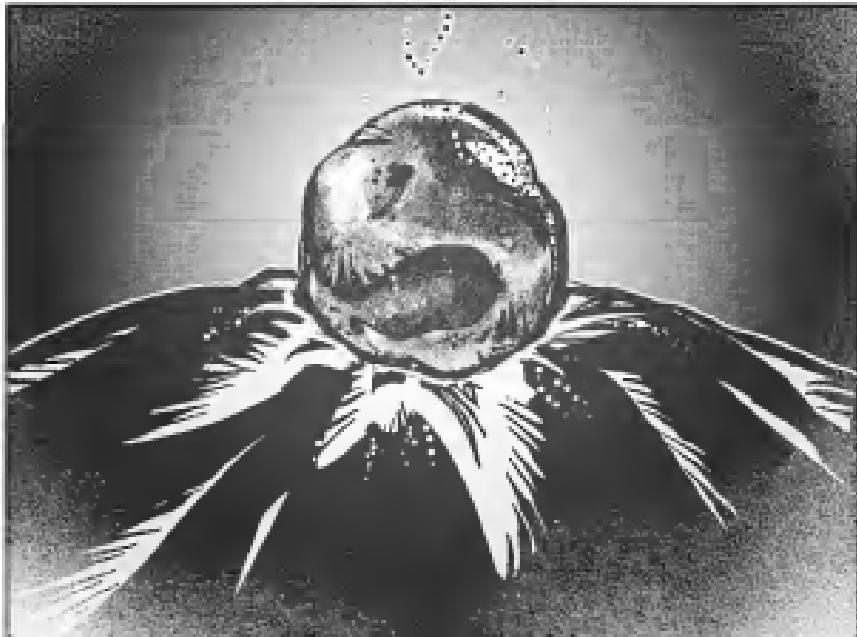


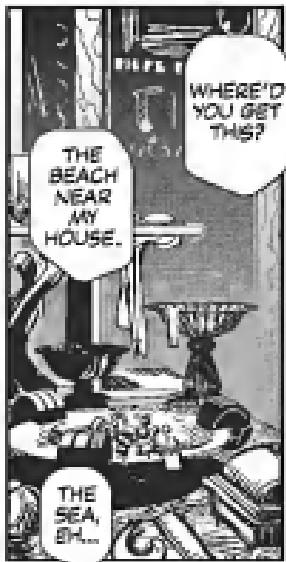






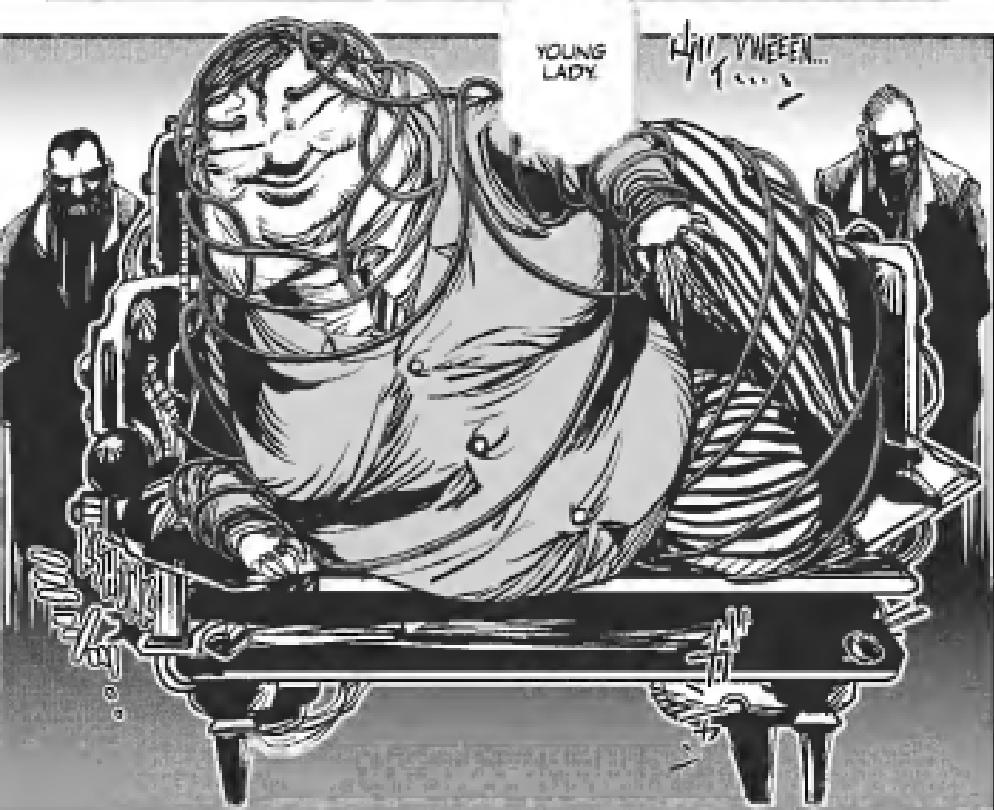
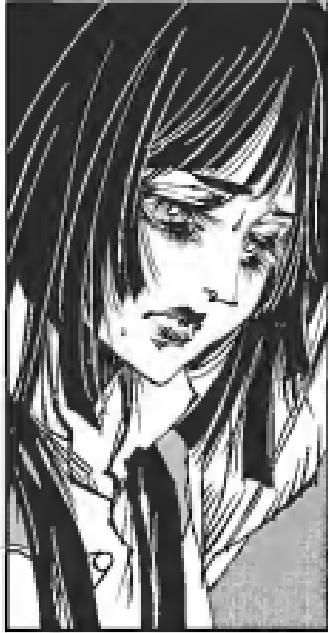


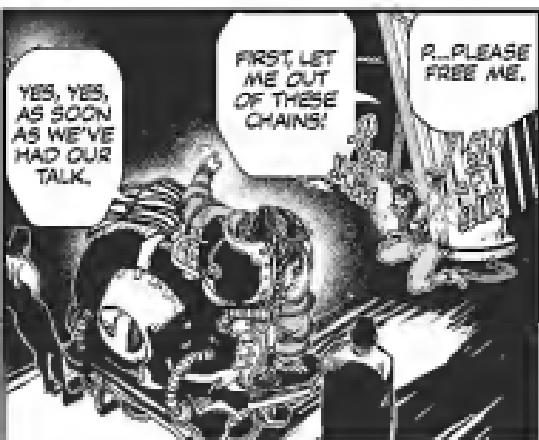












THE  
SHOPKEEPER  
THEN LETS  
ME KNOW  
ABOUT IT,  
AND I BUY IT  
FROM HIM AT  
A REASON-  
ABLE PRICE.  
THAT'S THE  
DEAL.

WAIT -  
THE  
OWNER  
OF THAT  
SHOP...

FIRST OF ALL,  
ABOUT THAT  
LITTLE BEAD  
YOU BROUGHT  
INTO  
THE CURIO  
SHOP -

WHERE  
AND HOW  
DO YOU  
GET IT?

AH YES, HE AND  
I HAVE A LITTLE  
ARRANGEMENT.  
ONCE OR TWICE  
A YEAR, THERE'S  
ALWAYS SOME FOOL  
WHO BRINGS IN  
SOMETHING  
VALUABLE WITHOUT  
HAVING ANY  
IDEA OF ITS  
WORTH.

IT WAS  
STOLEN,  
YOU  
SEE.

SHH -

I DON'T  
HAVE IT  
IN MY  
POSSES-  
SION,  
EITHER!

GIVE  
IT  
BACK  
...

PLEASE  
GIVE IT  
BACK!

UNTIL THEN,  
THERE ARE  
SOME  
THINGS I  
WANT TO  
KNOW  
FROM YOU.

BUT WE  
ALREADY  
KNOW WHO  
STOLE IT AND  
WHERE HE IS.  
SO WE  
SHOULD BE  
ABLE TO  
RETRIEVE  
THE ITEM  
SHORTLY.

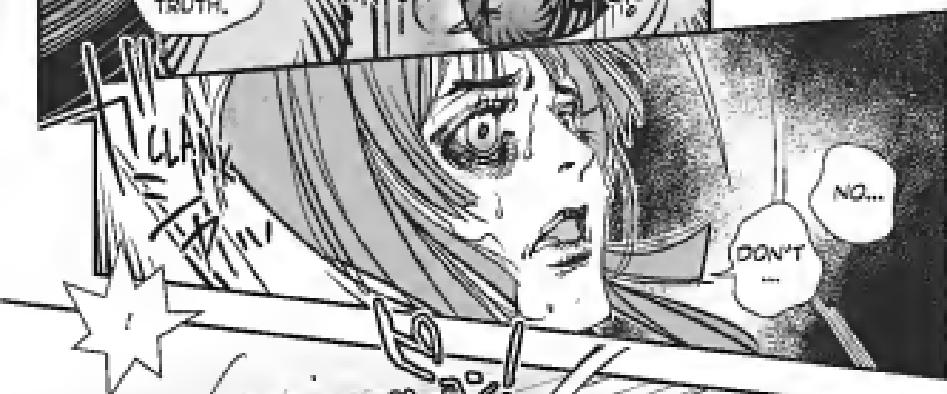


AH, THERE - YOU SEE? YOU DO KNOW SOMETHING.

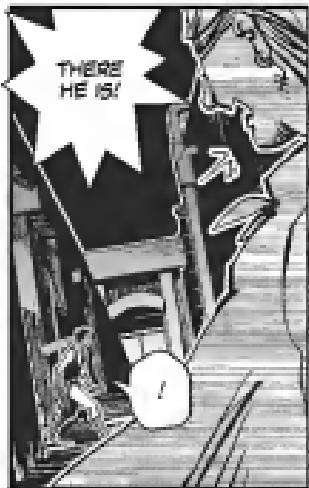


IN FACT IT WILL MAKE THINGS FAR MORE ENJOYABLE.

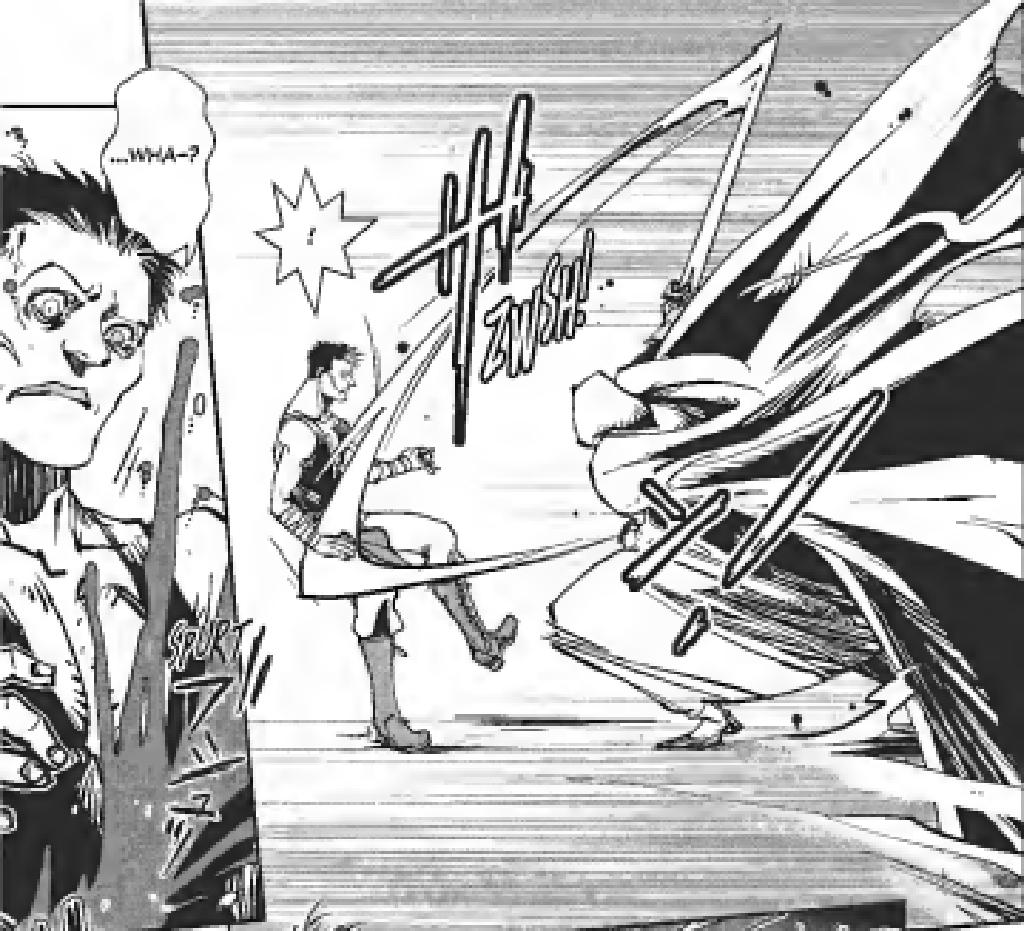
IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK.









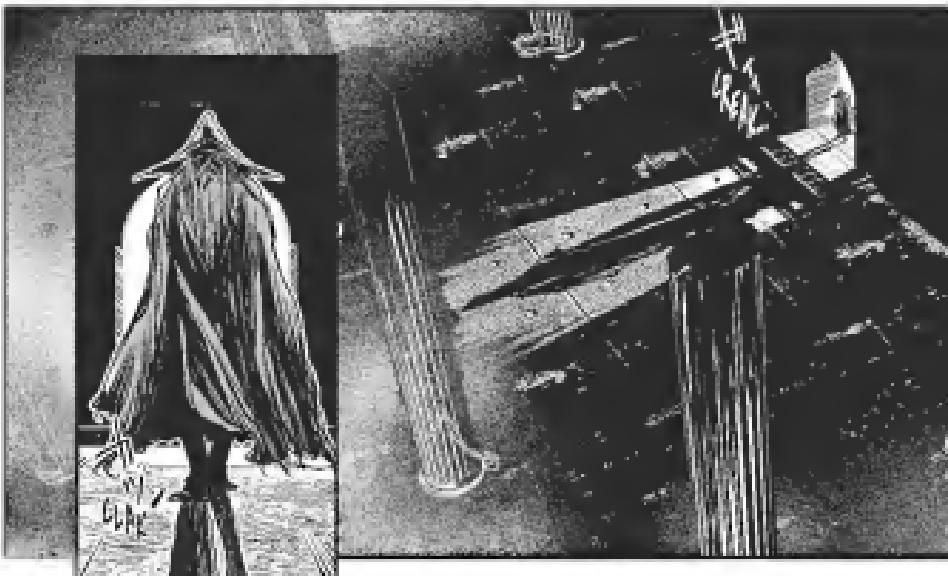










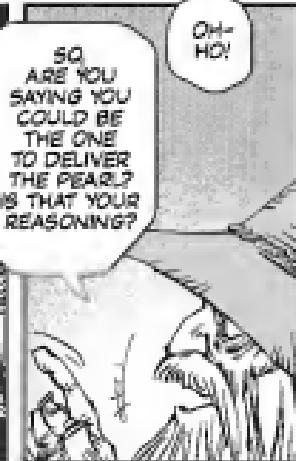


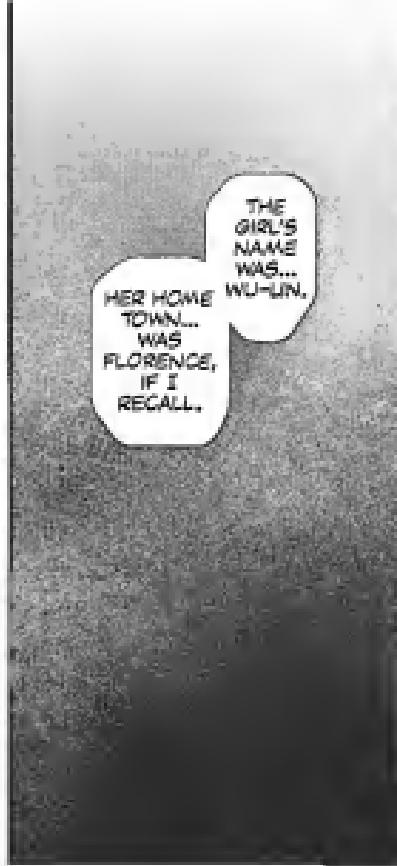














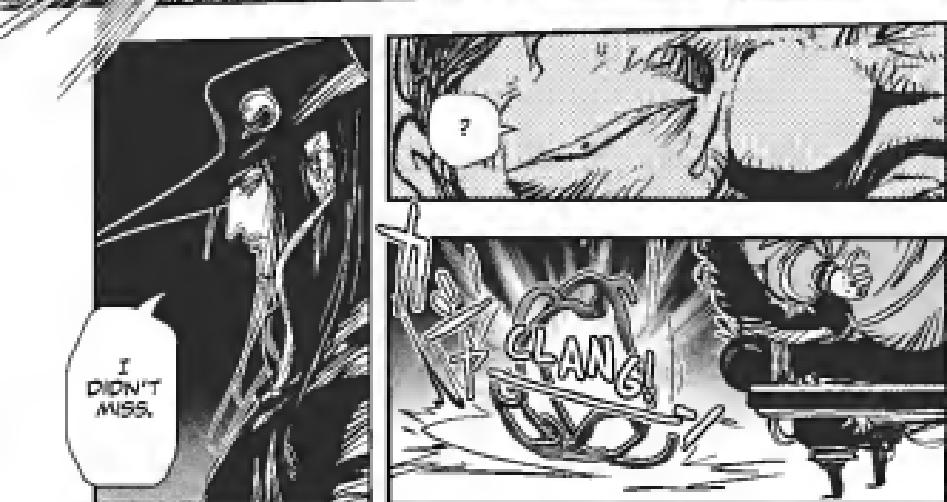
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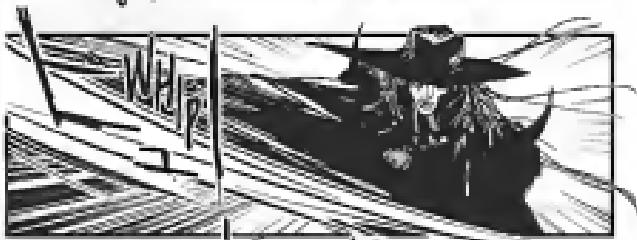


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HUNTER  
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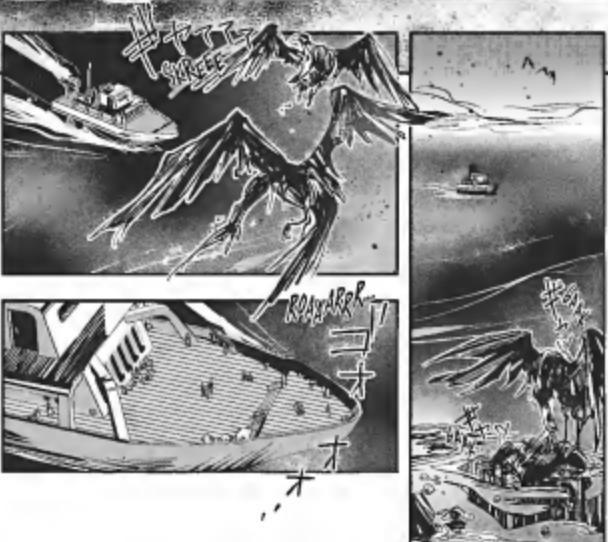
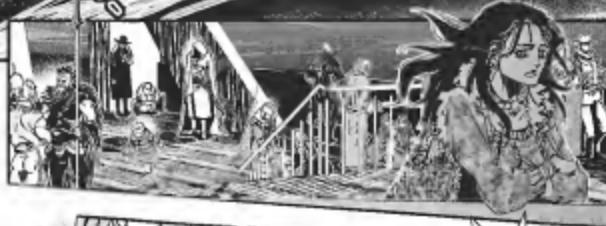






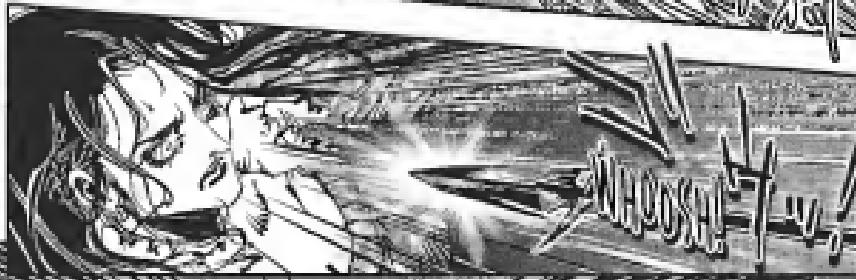
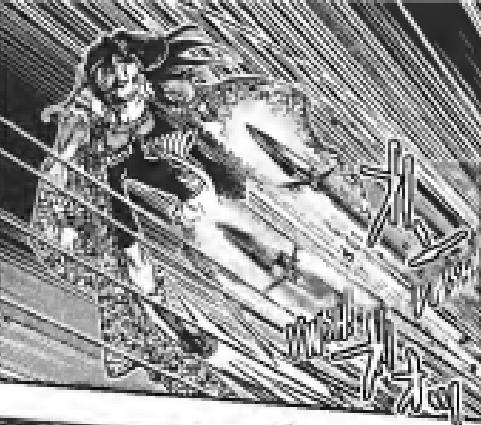








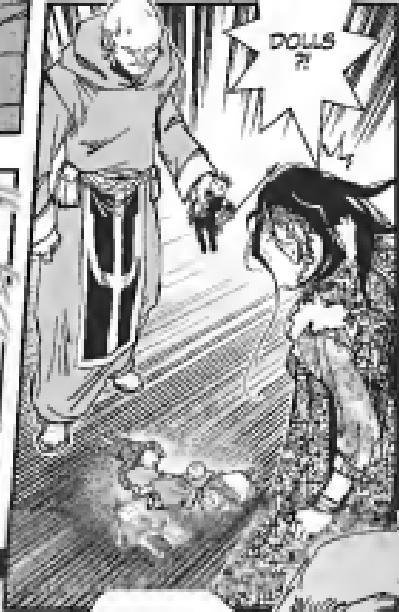
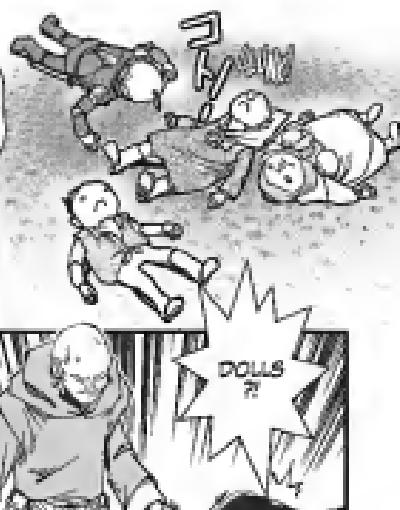




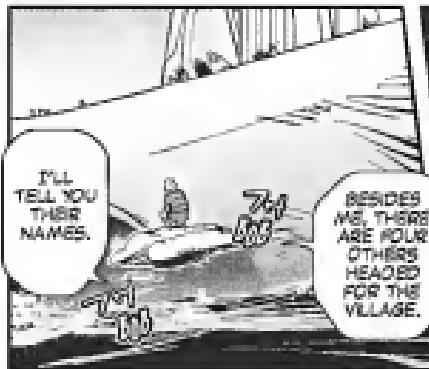




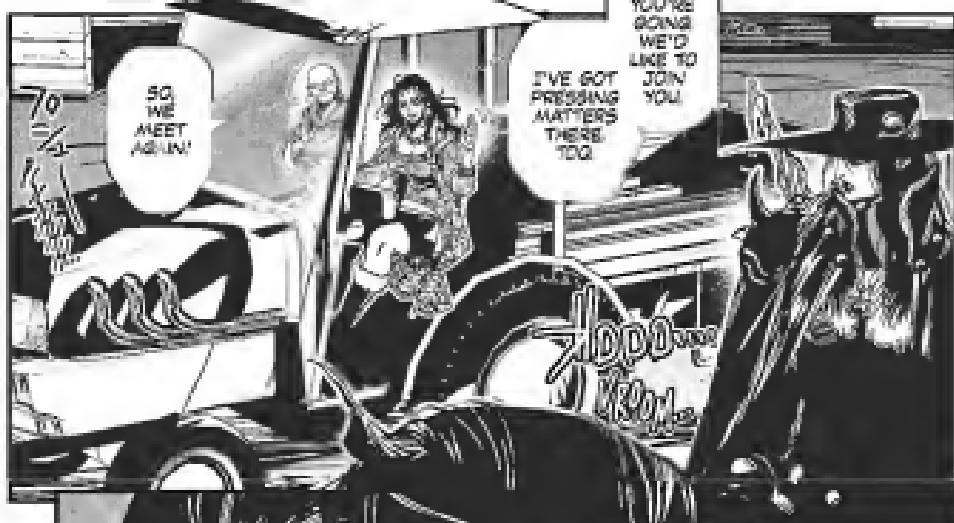


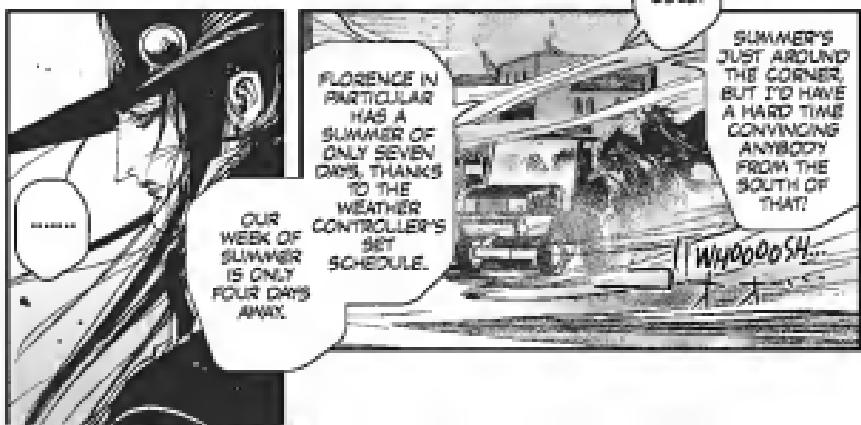




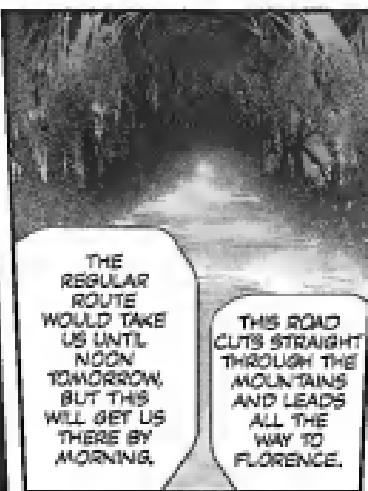






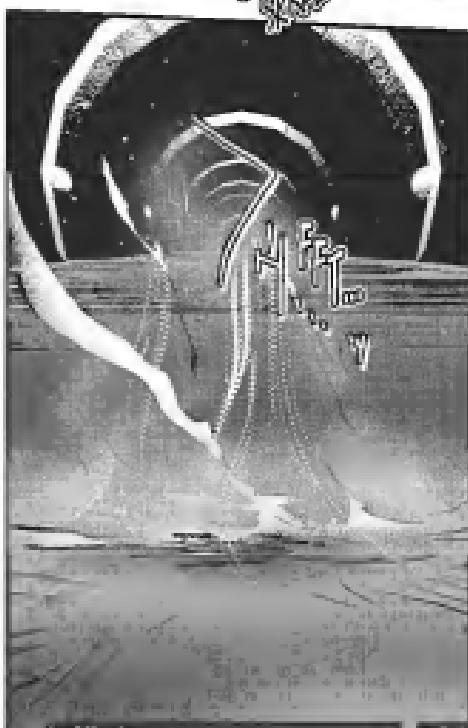


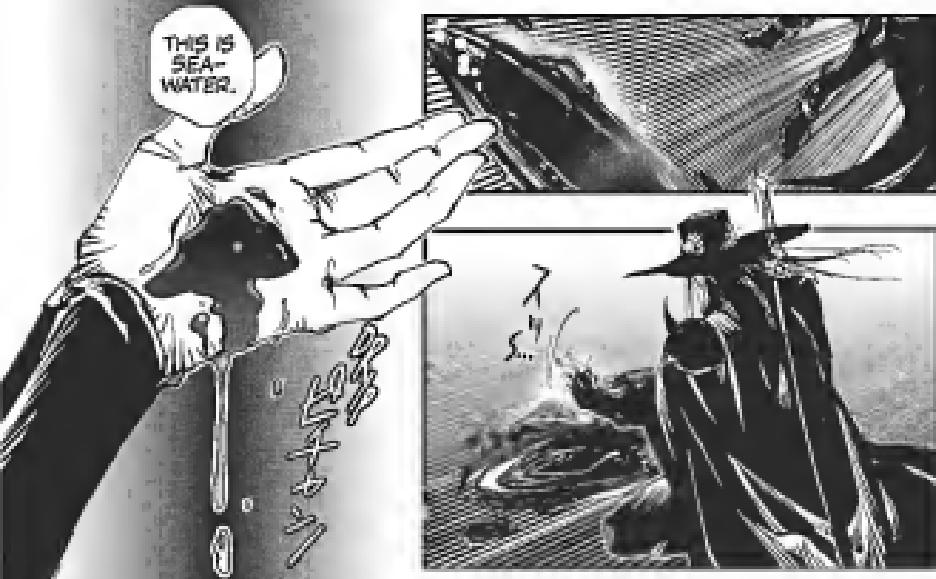


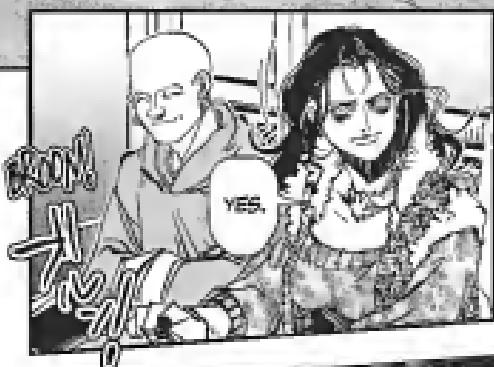


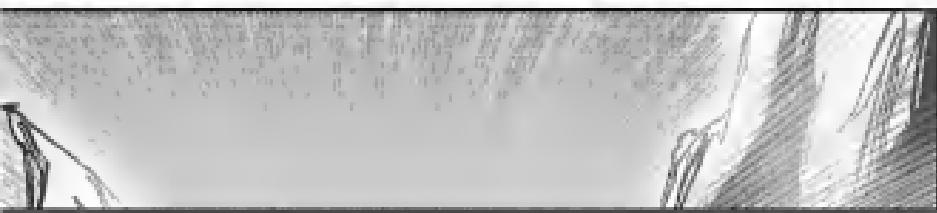
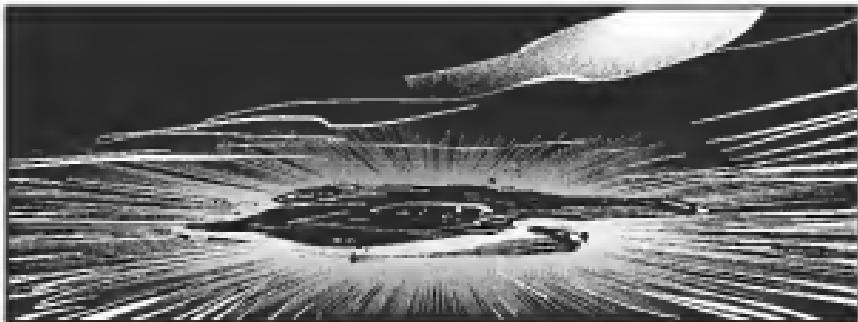








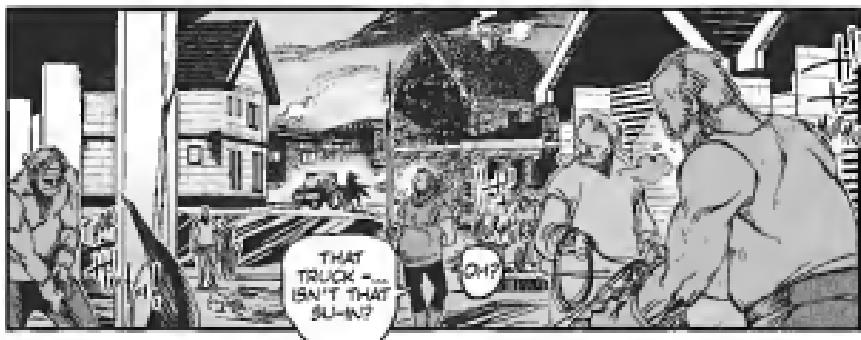
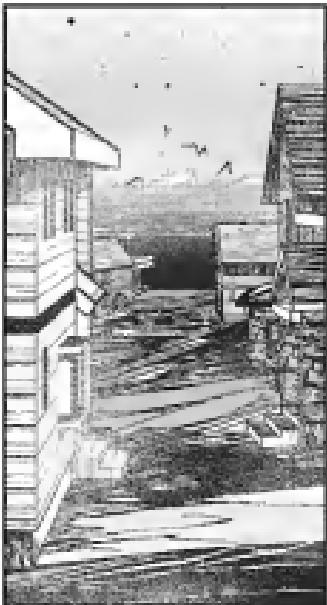






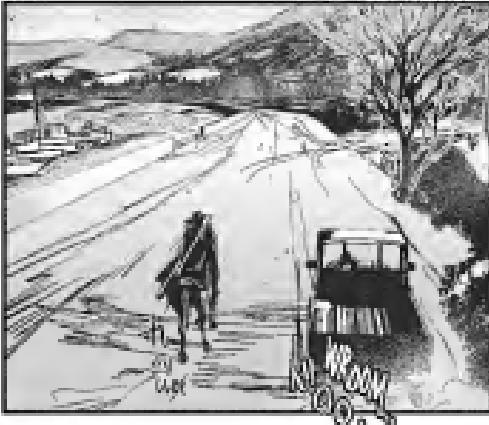
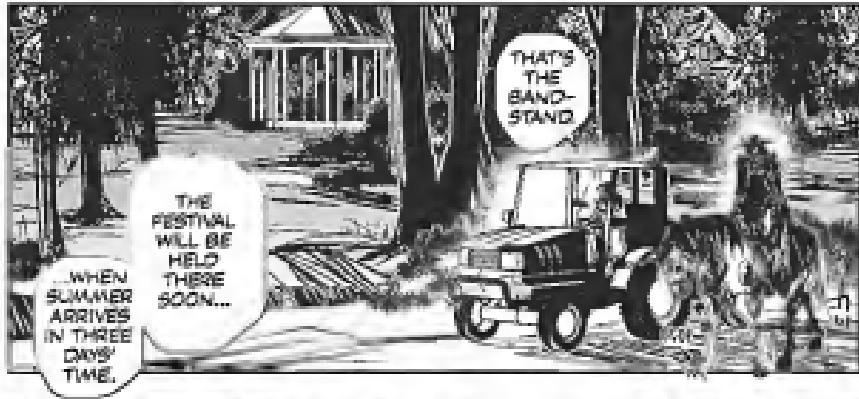
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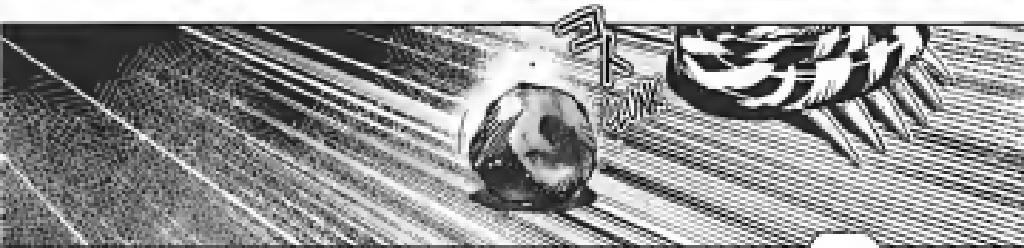
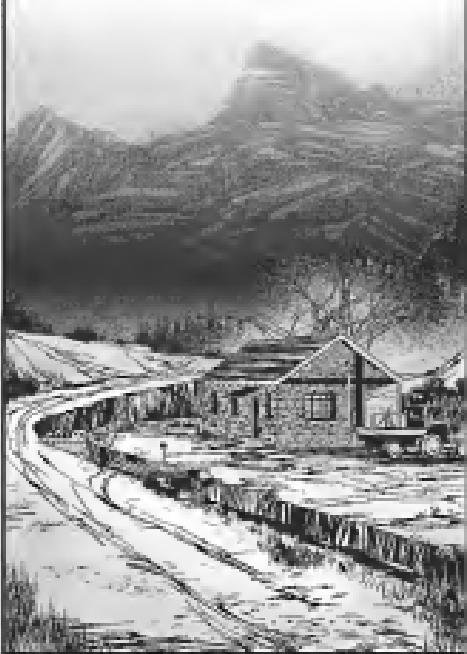




WELL,  
I AM  
INDEBTED  
TO YOU  
FOR  
GETTING  
ME HERE.





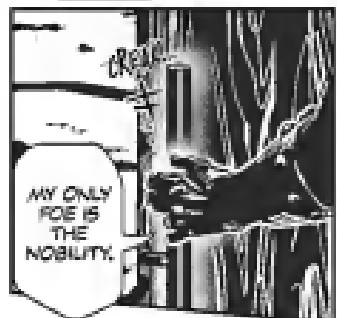








NO  
MATTER HOW  
VALUABLE  
IT MAY BE,  
IT'S STILL  
NOT WORTH  
YOUR LIFE.



THEY'RE  
PROBABLY  
ALREADY  
HERE.

MY SISTER  
PAID  
WITH HER  
LIFE TO  
ENTRUST  
YOU WITH  
THIS BEAD!

THEY'RE  
PROBABLY  
ALREADY  
HERE.

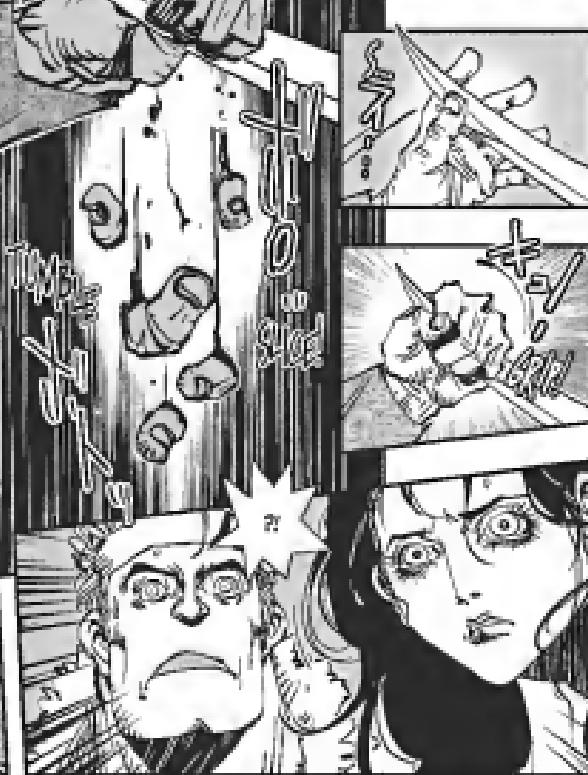
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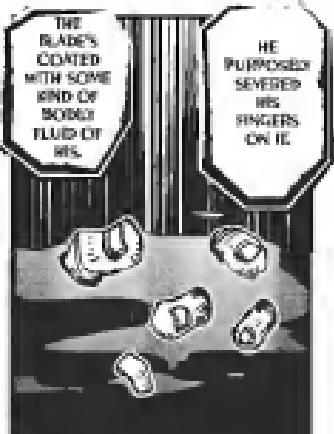
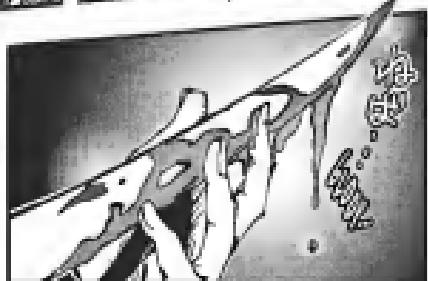




















GUESS THE WORLD'S  
NOT A COMPLETE  
WRITE-OFF  
YET. IF  
THERE ARE  
STILL  
FEARSOME  
GUYS LIKE  
HIM  
AROUND.

I USED MY  
SKIN VENOM  
TO COAT HIS  
BLADES, BUT  
IT WASN'T  
ENOUGH...  
IT CUT ME  
ANYWAY.  
I SCREWED  
UP.

WAS THAT  
THE ADORABLE  
POWER  
OF THE  
CHAMP I  
EXPERIENCED  
OR THEN?

HE  
GOT YOU  
HUUH?  
NOT AS  
TOUGH  
AS YOU  
TALK.

YOU  
SMELL  
OF  
BLOOD.

DON'T TELL  
THE REST OF US  
WHAT TO DO  
JUST BECAUSE  
YOU WEREN'T UP  
TO THE TASK.

ONE  
SLIP-UP  
WILL LEAD  
TO AN  
EARLY  
GRAVE.

I HATE TO  
SAY IT BUT  
I THINK IT'D  
BE SAFER  
AT THIS POINT  
FOR ALL OF  
US TO GO  
AFTER HIM  
TOGETHER.

WHAT'S  
THE  
MATTER?  
COLD  
FEET?

NOT  
YOU,  
TOO,  
SHINY

I  
DON'T  
AGREE.

WHOEVER  
TAKES DOWN  
THIS NEW  
BODYGUARD  
FIRST GETS  
TO KEEP THE  
REWARD.

BUT NOW IT  
LOOKS LIKE IT  
SHOULD BE  
EVERY  
MAN FOR  
HIMSELF.

WHEN WE FOUND  
OUT OUR OBSTACLES  
WERE JUST AN OLD  
MAN AND A GIRL, WE  
LET TWIN GO ALONE  
BECAUSE WE FIGURED  
IT'D BE SILLY FOR US  
ALL TO GO, SINCE  
WE'D PROBABLY END  
UP FIGHTING EACH  
OTHER OVER THE  
HEAD.

WELL,  
THERE  
YOU  
HAVE IT.

ANYWAY,  
I'M DONE  
WITH THE  
WHOLE  
IM GOING  
TO DO  
THINGS  
MY OWN  
WAY FROM  
NOW ON.

AND  
TOO.

THE  
BODY-  
GUARD'S  
LIFE...  
THE  
BEACH...

...WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOU,  
SHOK?

...I'LL BE  
TAKING IT  
ALL...

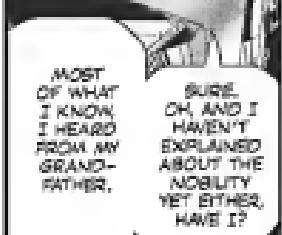
ALRIGHT, NO  
COMPLAINING  
FROM ANYONE!  
EVEN IF YOU  
GET OUT  
DOWN BY ONE  
OF YOUR OWN  
HEAR?

HOW  
FUN!



I'LL HAVE  
TO GO DOWN  
TO THE  
SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE AND  
FILE THE  
PAPERWORK  
FOR THE DEATH  
CERTIFICATE...

I  
THINK



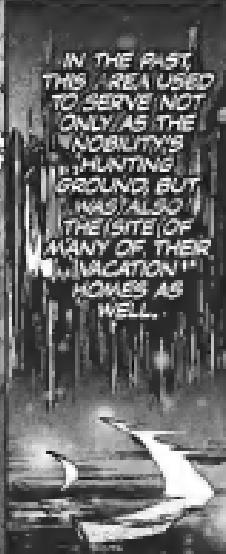


YOU CAN EVEN GO DOWN TO THE ARCHIVES AT THE MUSEUM AND LOOK AT THE DATA LEFT BEHIND BY THE NOBLES OF THE NEMEAN LAKESIDE MORTGAGES.

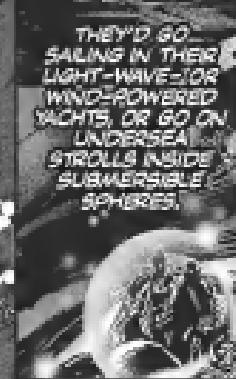
THEIR CRUELTY WENT SO FAR, IS TO CAUSE THE DELIBERATE, WIDESPREAD MUTATION OF SEA CREATURES.

IN THE NOBILITY'S HANDS, EVEN THE PLANKTON BECAME FEROCIOUS, RAVENOUS MONSTERS THAT COULD STRIP AN ENTIRE SCHOOL OF SEVEN-FOOT TUNA RIGHT DOWN TO THE BONE.

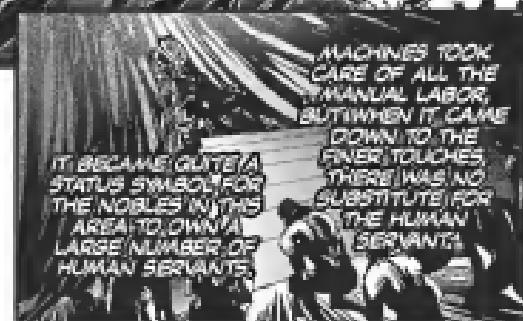
GIANT STING RAYS SIX MILES WIDE... BEASTLY BARRACUDAS THAT COULD SWALLOW THREE WHITE WHALES WHOLE...



IN THE PAST, THIS AREA USED TO SERVE NOT ONLY AS THE NOBILITY'S HUNTING GROUNDS, BUT WAS ALSO THE SITE OF MANY OF THEIR "VACATION" HOMES AS WELL.

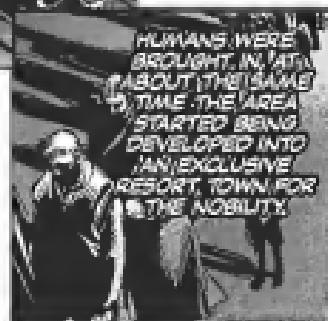


THEY'D GO SAILING IN THEIR LIGHT-WAVE-OR WIND-POWERED YACHTS, OR GO ON UNDERSEA STROLLS INSIDE SUBMERSIBLE SPHERES.



IT BECAME QUITE A STATUS SYMBOL FOR THE NOBLES IN THIS AREA TO OWN A LARGE NUMBER OF HUMAN SERVANTS.

MACHINES TOOK CARE OF ALL THE MANUAL LABOR, BUT WHEN IT CAME DOWN TO THE FINER TOUCHES, THERE WAS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE HUMAN SERVANT.

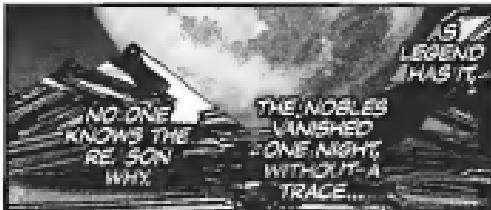


HUMANS WERE BROUGHT IN LATE IN THE GAME TO TIME THE AREA STARTED BEING DEVELOPED INTO AN EXCLUSIVE RESORT TOWN FOR THE NOBILITY.



BUT THEN, THEIR DAY'S OF SAVAGE CRUELTY AND BEAUTY CAME TO A SUDDEN END.

SOME SAY THE NOBLES FOUND IT THE HEIGHT OF HEDONISTIC PLEASURE TO HAVE THE SOUNDS AND SCREAMS FROM THIS ACTIVITY BE THE LAST THING THEY HEARD AS THEY CLOSED THEIR COFFIN LIDS TO SLEEP.



THE BATTLE  
WAS FOUGHT AT  
MEINSTER'S  
CASTLE, THE  
DAY AFTER  
THE NOBLES  
EXCUS.

BARON  
MEINSTER -

ALL  
BUT  
ONE?

AS CARETAKER  
OF THIS REGION,  
HE WAS THE  
MOST VILE AND  
EVIL PRESENCE  
OF THE GREATER  
NOBILITY...

THE  
BLACKEST,  
CANCER EVER  
PRODUCED  
BY NOBLE  
BLOOD.

MEINSTER LOST...  
AND AFTER HIS  
BODY WAS  
RENDERED IN  
SUCH A WAY AS  
TO NEVER BE  
ABLE TO RETURN  
TO LAND, HIS  
CORPSE WAS  
CAST INTO THE  
SEA FOR ALL  
ETERNITY.

THE  
MANSIONS  
AND LODGES  
OF THE  
NOBLES WERE  
DECIMATED IN  
AN INSTANT.

THEIR BATTLE  
RAISED SO HARD  
THAT MANY LIFE-  
FORMS PERISHED  
IN ITS WAKE,  
AND THE SHAPE  
OF THE VERY  
MOUNTAINS  
WERE CHANGED  
BY THE DAMAGE.



AFTER THE BATTLE,  
THE WANDERER IN  
BLACK SET ABOUT  
DESTROYING ALL THE  
SEA MONSTERS SO  
THAT HUMANS COULD  
DWELL THE SHORE  
SAFELY AND GENERALLY  
RELEASED THE AREA  
FROM THE NOBLES'  
LINGERING CONTROL  
AND INFLUENCE.

IN THE END  
NO ONE EVER  
DISCOVERED  
THE IDENTITY  
OF THE MAN  
IN BLACK.

EVEN NOWHE  
WANDERS,  
WITH FOLDED  
ARMS, ACROSS  
THE DARK AND  
SILENT  
BOTTOM OF  
THE SEA...

ONCE IN THE LIGHT  
OF THE MOON FOR  
NOURISHMENT,  
HE PLOTS REVENGE  
AGAINST THE  
BLACK-CAPED MAN,  
AWAITING THE DAY WHEN  
HE CAN RETURN TO THE  
SURFACE ONCE AGAIN...  
THIS IS THE STUFF OF  
LEGENDS, OF COURSE.





THAT'S WHY  
EVERYONE IN  
THE VILLAGE  
SAYS IT'S -







LAST  
SUMMER...  
HE CAME  
AGAIN.



THAT WAS  
ANOTHER  
THING  
WU-LIN WAS  
SUPPOSED TO  
LOOK INTO IN  
CRONENBERG

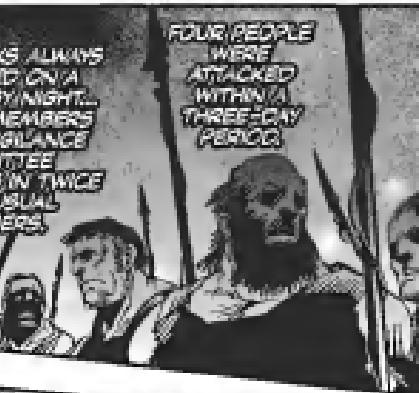


TELL  
ME  
ABOUT  
THE  
BEAD'S  
ORIGIN.



THE  
LATEST  
VICTIM WAS A  
MAN WHO WAS  
LIVED RIGHT  
NEXT DOOR  
TO ME.

THE ATTACKS ALWAYS  
OCCURRED ON A  
VERY FOGGY NIGHT...  
DESPITE MEMBERS OF THE  
VIGILANCE  
COMMITTEE  
PATROLLING IN TWICE  
THEIR USUAL  
NUMBERS.

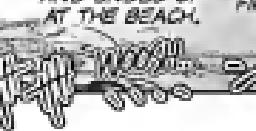


FOUR PEOPLE  
WERE  
ATTACKED  
WITHIN A  
THREE-DAY  
PERIOD.



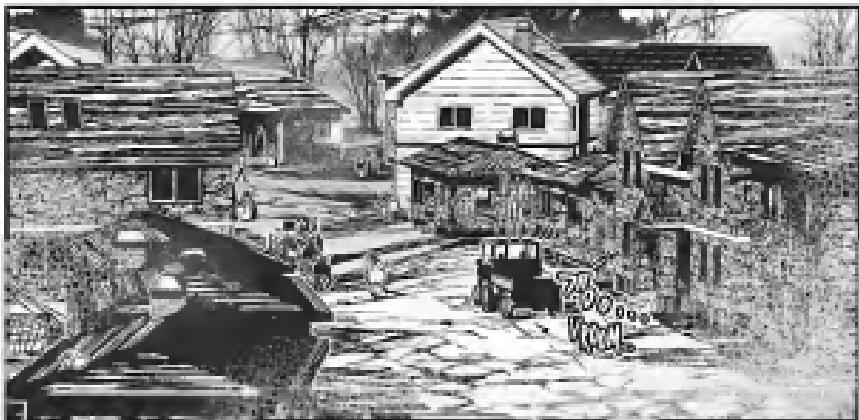
I WAS JUST ON  
MY WAY TOWARDS  
THE WATER  
WHEN SUDDENLY  
HE DISAPPEARED.  
I LOOKED  
EVERYWHERE, BUT  
HE WAS GONE.

I SAW SOMEONE  
HAD ESCAPED  
THROUGH THE  
WINDOW, SO I  
GAVE CHASE...  
AND ENDED UP  
AT THE BEACH.



THERE WAS  
A HUGE  
COMMOTION,  
AND I WAS THE  
FIRST TO GET TO  
THE SCENE.











WHERE'S  
THE  
READ?

WHERE  
IS THE  
READ?

ALL  
RIGHT,  
TIME FOR  
GUES-  
SATIONS -

TELL ME,  
SIS.

I EN-  
TRUSTED  
IT TO U.

I HAVE NO  
INTENTION  
OF TAKING  
HIM ON  
DIRECTLY.

THAT  
BODY-  
GUARD...  
HE TRULY  
IS A FORCE  
TO BE  
RECKONED  
WITH.

AND  
WHILE THAT  
WEAKNESS  
EXISTS,  
THEY ARE  
NO MATCH  
FOR ME -  
"SAMON OF  
REMEM-  
BRANCES" -  
AND MY  
SPELL  
"NOSTALGIA."

AH, WELL...  
NO MATTER  
WHO MY ENEMY  
AS LONG AS  
THEY ARE BORN  
OF THIS EARTH,  
HIDDEN IN THEIR  
HEART IS  
SOMEONE SO  
DEAR THEY  
CANNOT DENY  
OR DISOBEY  
THEM.

HAHAHA  
...

TOH!

WHY D YOU  
HAVE TO GO  
AND DO A  
TROUBLE-  
SOME THING  
LIKE THAT?

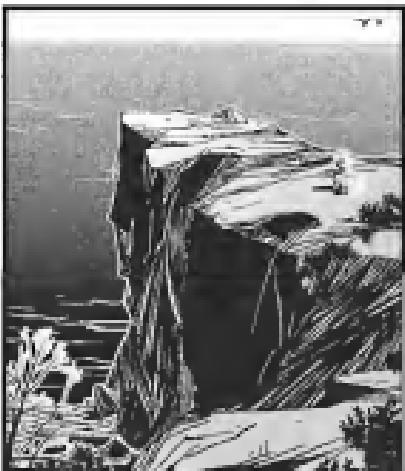


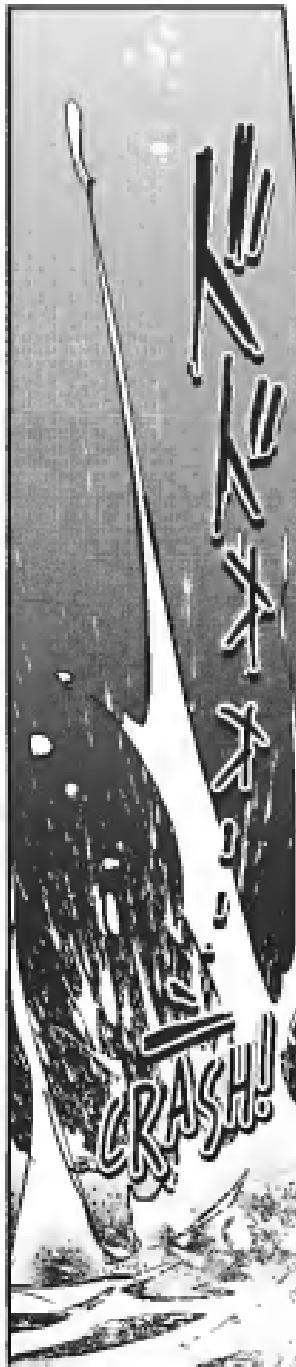






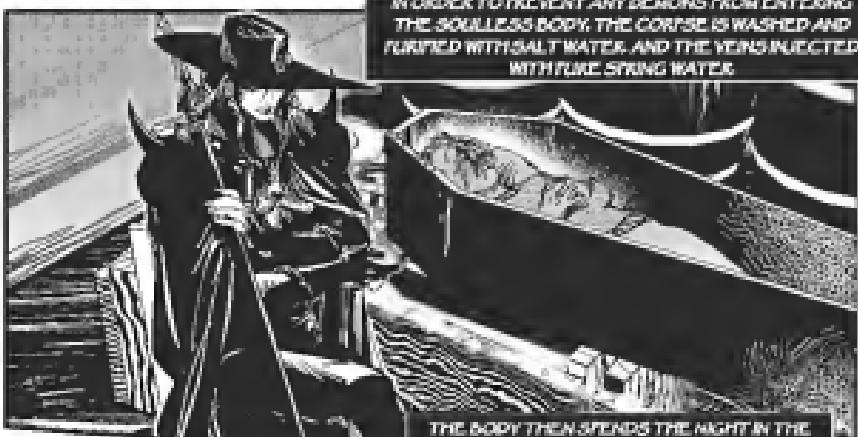






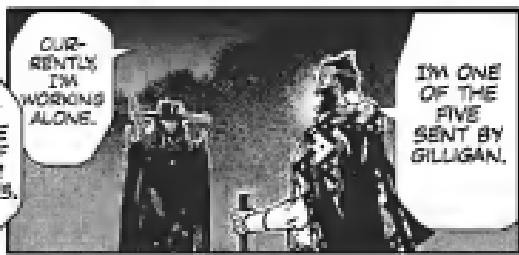


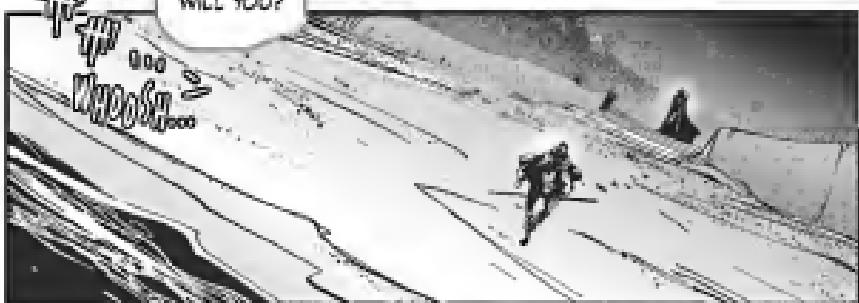
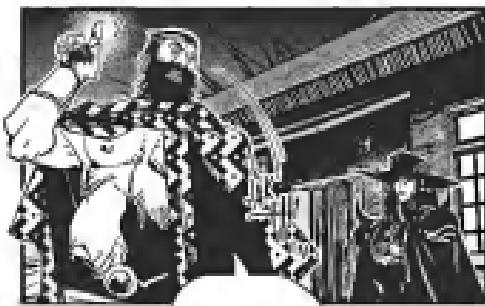
IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY DEMONS FROM ENTERING THE SOULLESS BODY, THE CORPSE IS WASHED AND PURIFIED WITH SALT WATER, AND THE VEINS INJECTED WITH PUKE SPRING WATER.

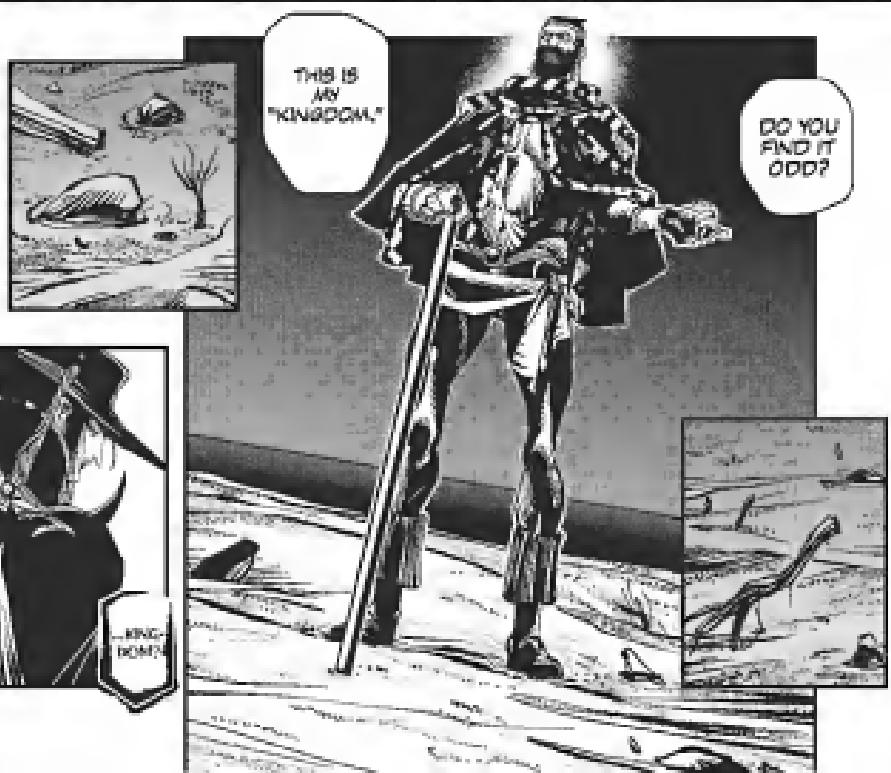


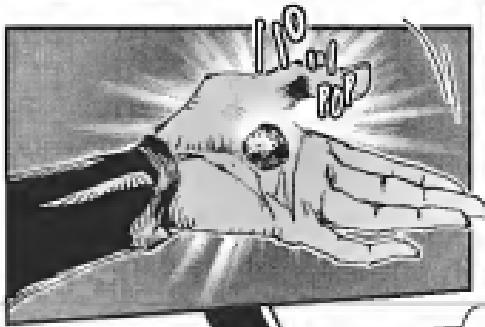
THE BODY THEN SPENDS THE NIGHT IN THE BARN, ON WHICH HAVE BEEN PLACED SYMBOLS OF DEMONIC HARDS AT SIXTEEN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONAL POINTS ON THE STRUCTURE.













NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME, I UNDERSTAND THE SHEER WEIGHT YOUR FULL NAME CARRIES...

NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL THE NOBLE, HE WOULD BE NOTHING BEFORE YOUR SKILL...

I AM  
EGBERT  
THE KING -

RULER  
OF THIS  
DOMAIN!

BUT...

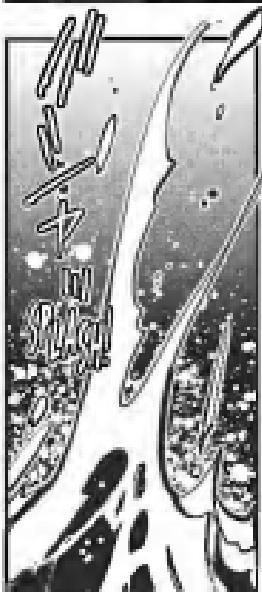
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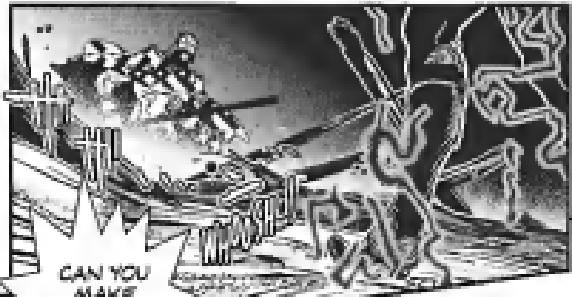
ZWOOSH!

CHOMP

SLASH













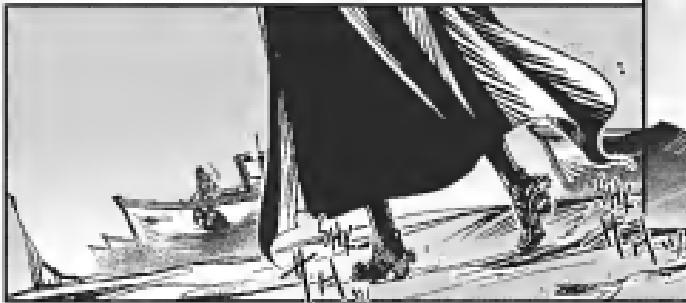
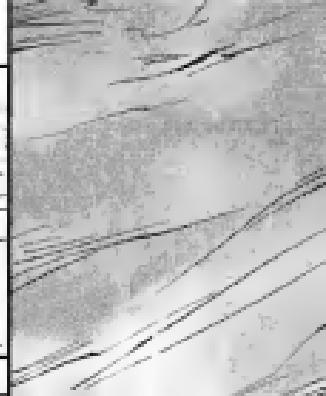
















THEY MADE IT SO THE MONSTROSIIES OF THEIR OWN CREATION WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THEM.



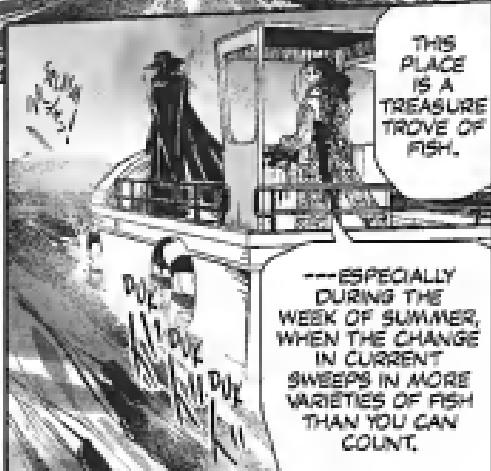
IT'S LIKE THIS UNTIL THE NOBILITY'S RESORT TOWN.



OF COURSE, SOME OF THEM ARE OF THE DANGEROUS KIND...

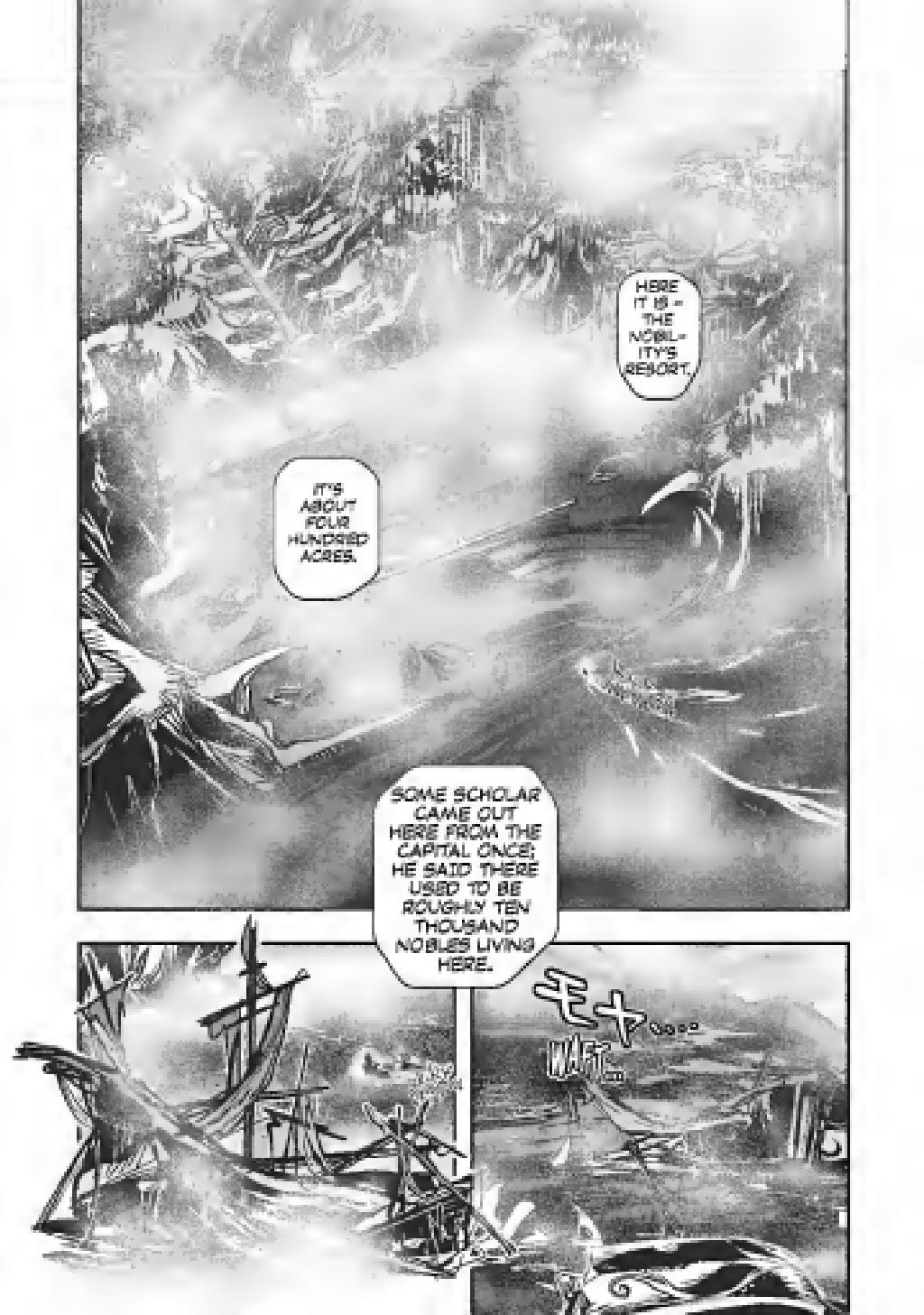
---WHAT'S THE MATTER?

NOTHING.



THIS PLACE IS A TREASURE TROVE OF FISH.

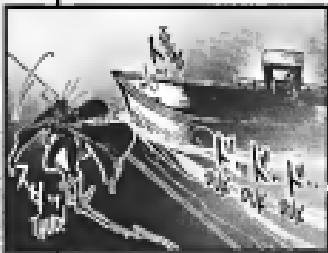
---ESPECIALLY DURING THE WEEK OF SUMMER, WHEN THE CHANGE IN CURRENT SWEEPS IN MORE VARIETIES OF FISH THAN YOU CAN COUNT.



HERE  
IT IS -  
THE  
NOBL-  
ITY'S  
RESORT.

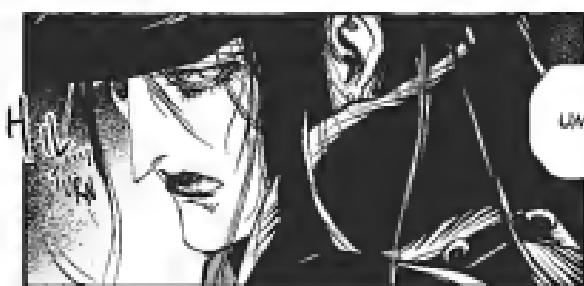
IT'S  
ABOUT  
FOLIS  
HUNDRED  
ACRES.

SOME SCHOLAR  
CAME OUT  
HERE FROM THE  
CAPITAL ONCE;  
HE SAID THERE  
USED TO BE  
ROUGHLY TEN  
THOUSAND  
NOBLES LIVING  
HERE.













IS THAT THE THING  
D WAS CON-  
CERNED  
ABOUT  
LURKING  
IN THE  
WATER?







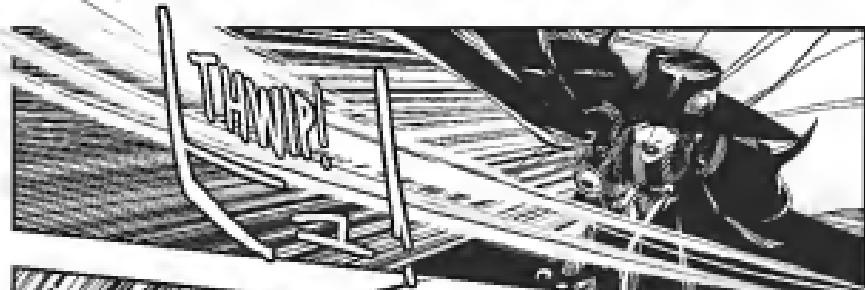














THAT WAS AMAZING.

THE BLEEDING  
WILL SOON STOP.

YOU'RE WOUNDED.

I COULDN'T  
EVEN MOVE...

I DON'T KNOW.

SO WHO  
WAS IN  
THAT...  
THING?

COULD BE  
ONE OF  
THE FIVE  
OR NOT.

LET'S  
GO.





ROAAARRRR



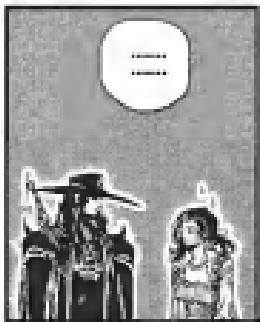
I  
WONDER  
HOW  
DEEP  
IT GOES.

REAAAARRR

...  
X X X X

I  
WONDER  
HOW  
DEEP  
IT GOES.

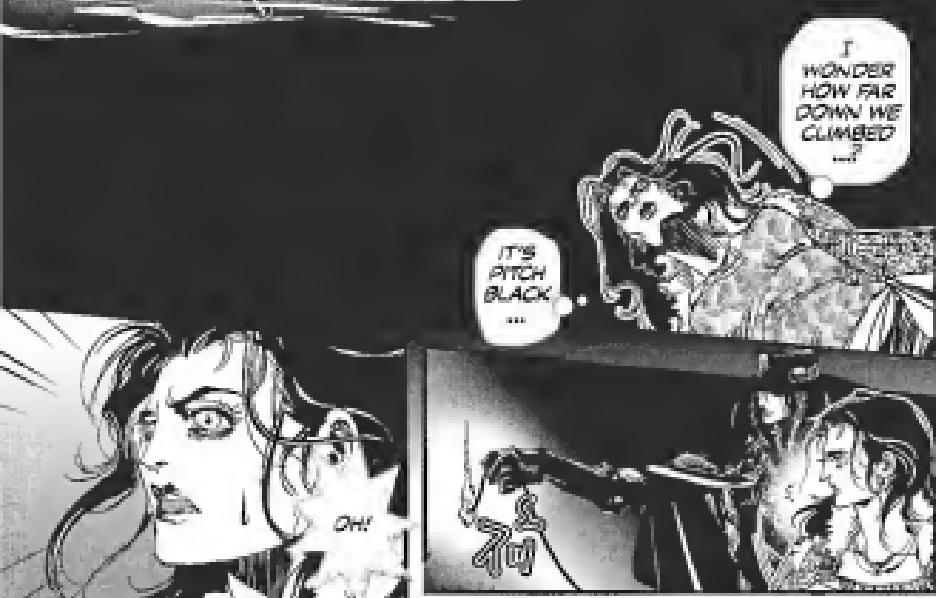


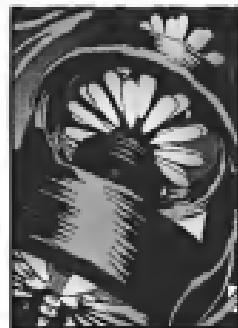


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## UPSIDE- DOWN??

IM SO  
SCARED.  
I CAN'T  
KEEP  
MY EYES  
OPEN...







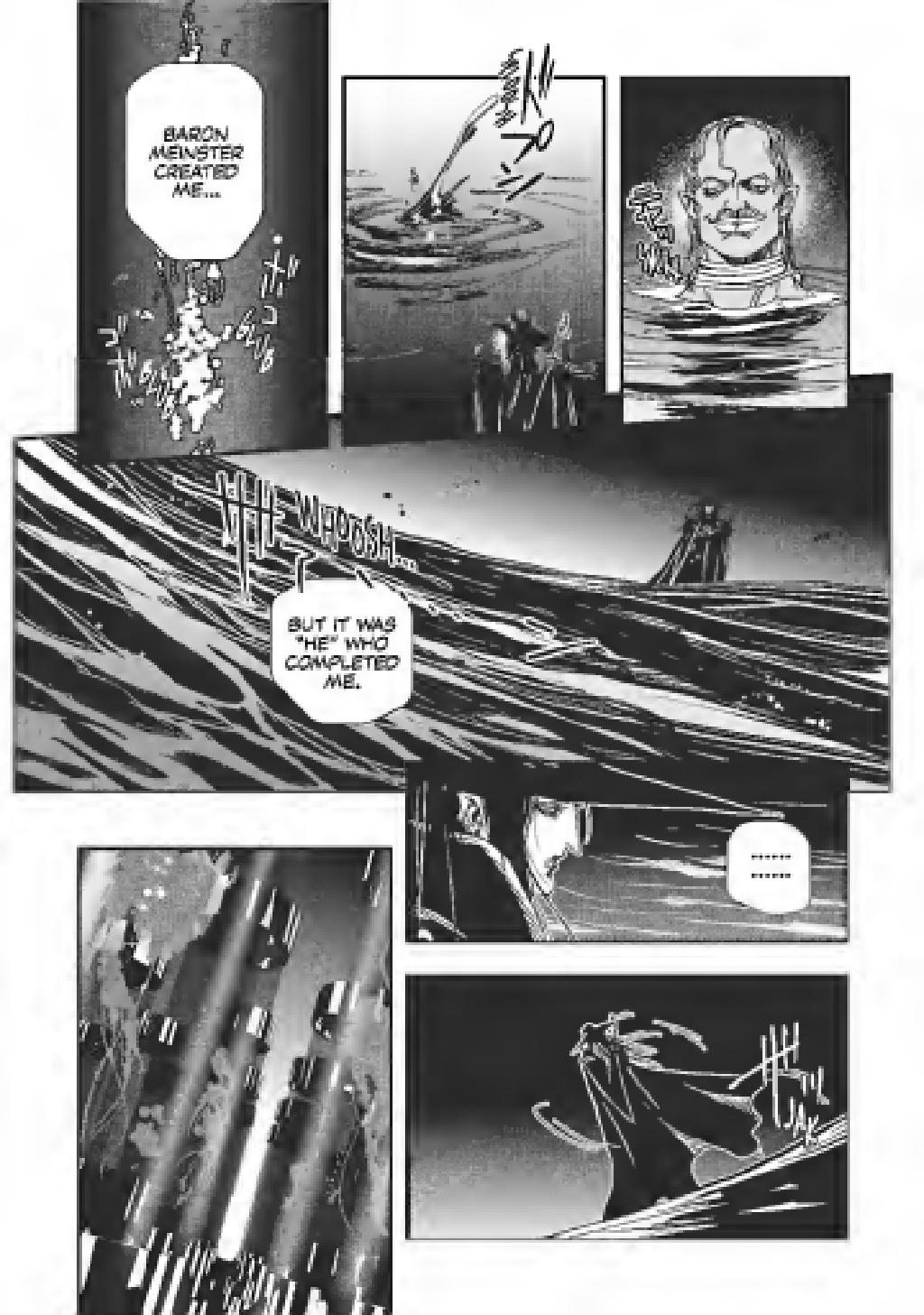


IT'S  
HUGE!









BARON  
MEINSTER  
CREATED  
ME...



BUT IT WAS  
"HE" WHO  
COMPLETED  
ME.

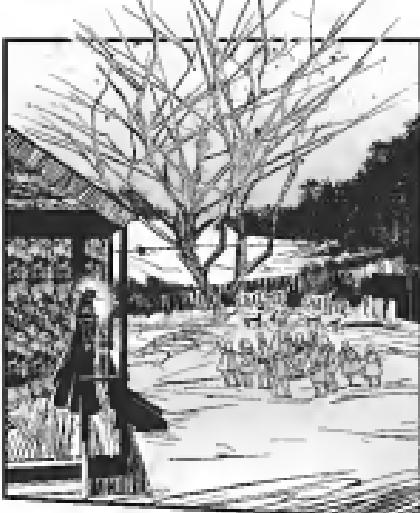


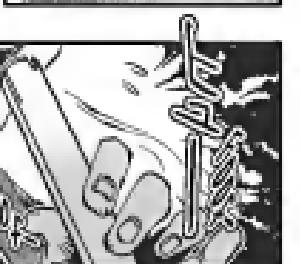
THE  
CLOTH  
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COMPLETED  
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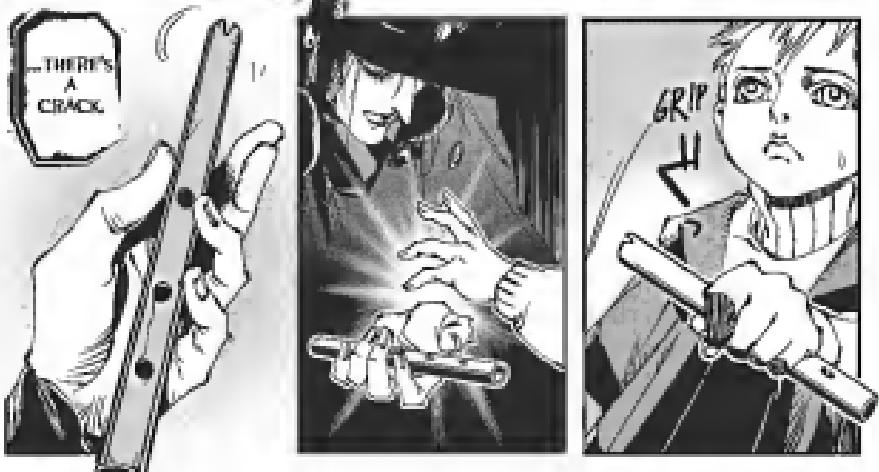


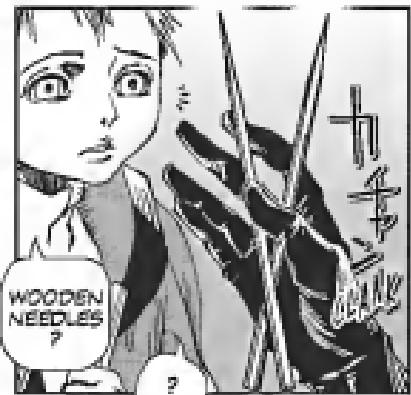






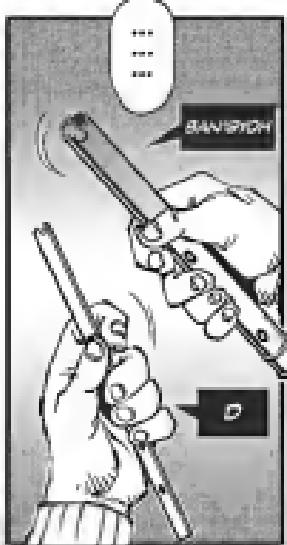








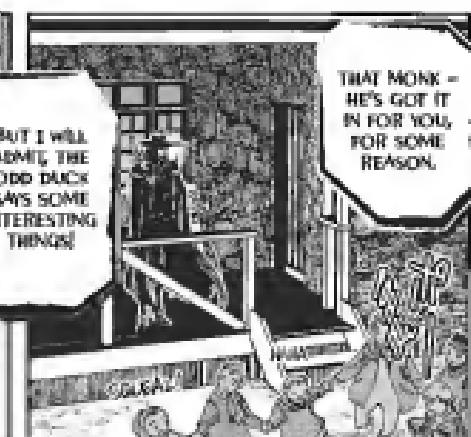








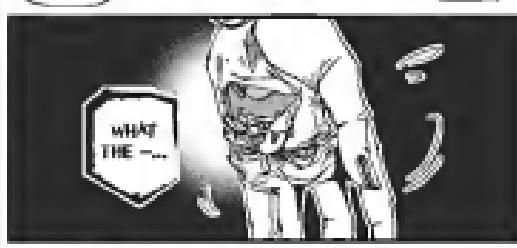
HOW ABOUT IT?  
FEEL LIKE  
SETTLING DOWN  
HERE TO  
BECOME THE  
LEADER OF  
FISHERMEN?

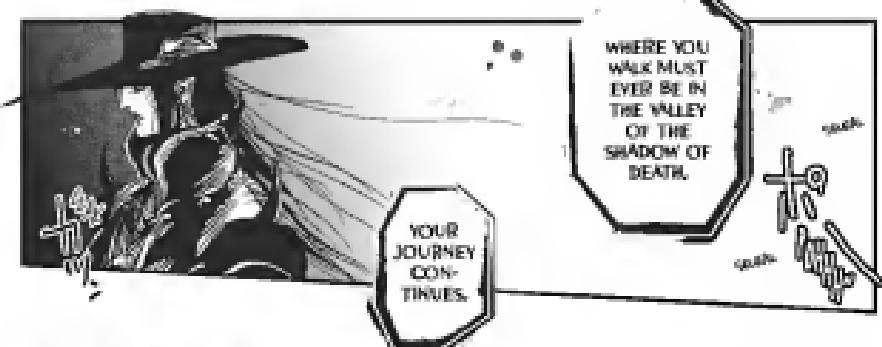


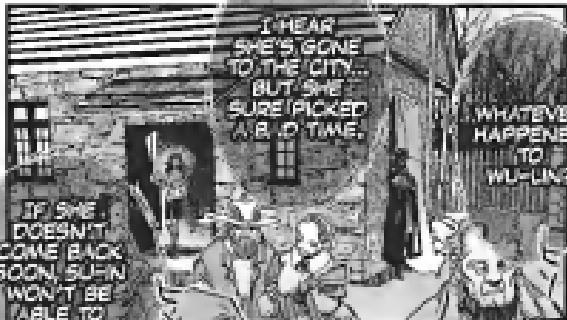
BUT I WILL  
ADMIT, THE  
ODD DUCK  
SAYS SOME  
INTERESTING  
THINGS!

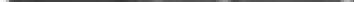


THAT MONK —  
HE'S GOT IT  
IN FOR YOU,  
FOR SOME  
REASON.











WOOOSH!



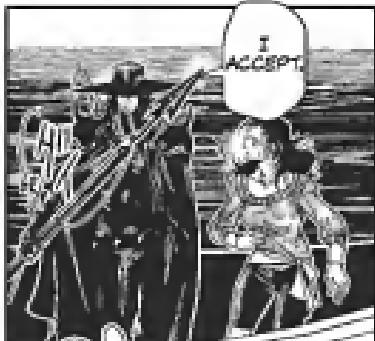
YOU HAVE  
TO AIM FOR  
THE CREESE  
WHERE THE  
HEAD MEETS  
THE TORSO  
FOR THE  
KILL SHOT.

IT'S A  
GIANT  
KILLER  
WHALE.



EVEN  
MOST MEN  
CAN'T HIT  
IT RELIABLY  
YOU KNOW.











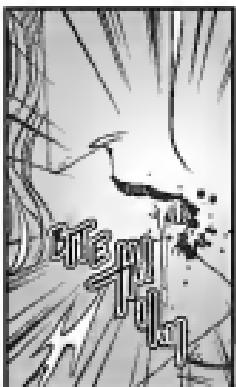
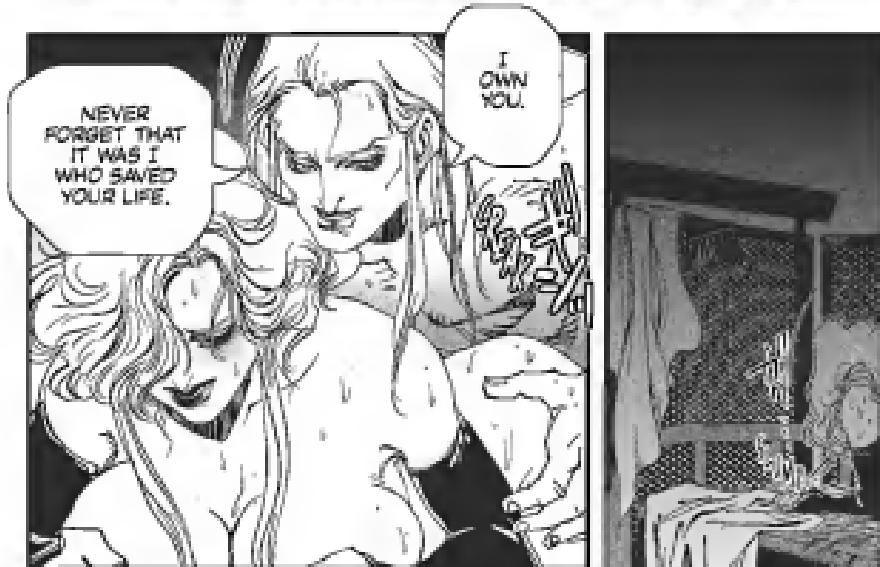
THAT'S SU-IN'S HARPOON

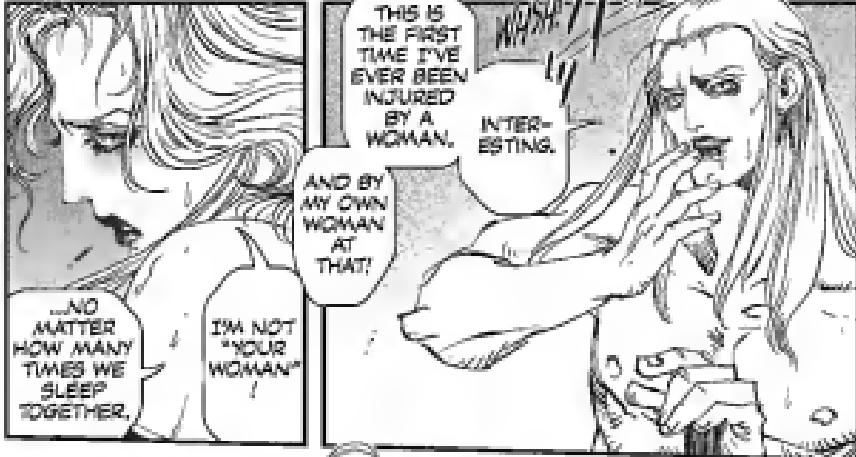
THE OTHER ONE -  
PIERCED THROUGH  
TWO WHALES AT  
ONCE...?

TWO HAR-  
POONS

ONE OF THEM  
IS MINE,  
BUT...

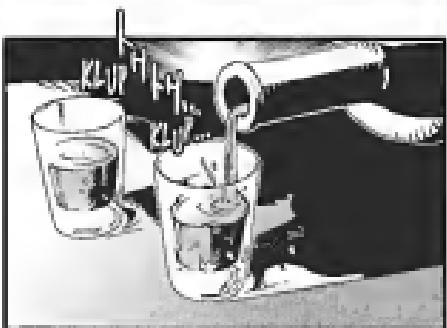






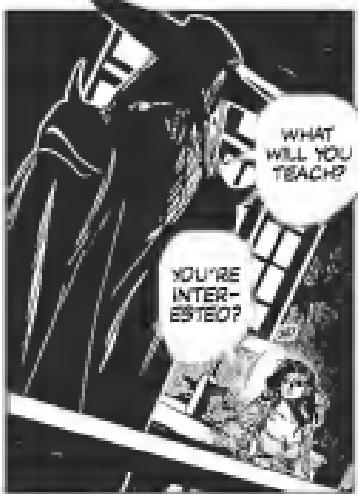














THOUGH  
GRANDFATHER'S  
POWERS  
MAINTAIN  
PEOPLE  
LEARN  
HOW TO CRY



ALL HE COULD  
DO WAS SLIGHTLY  
DIMINISH THEM IN  
THE MINDS OF THOSE WHO  
HAD SUFFERED  
OUT THERE.

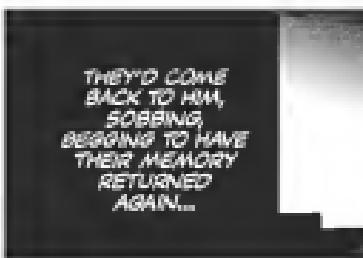
YEAH...  
NOT THAT  
HE COULD DO MUCH  
WITH IT  
MIND.



YOU  
THINK  
SO?

THAT'S  
MORE  
THAN  
ENOUGH.  
FORGETTING  
IS MUCH  
BETTER  
THAN JUST  
SITTING  
AROUND  
MOURNING.

BUT ALWAYS,  
BEFORE  
EVEN SIX  
MONTHS HAD  
PASSED...



THEY'D COME  
BACK TO HIM,  
SOBBING,  
BEGGING TO HAVE  
THEIR MEMORY  
RETURNED  
AGAIN...

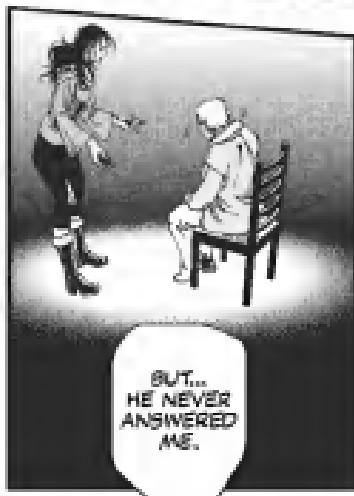
...

...BUT I  
THINK I  
CAN  
UNDER-  
STAND.

I  
DON'T  
KNOW  
THE  
REASON  
WHY...

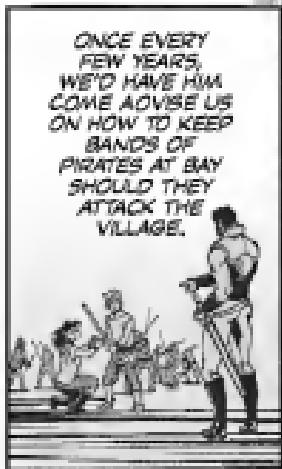


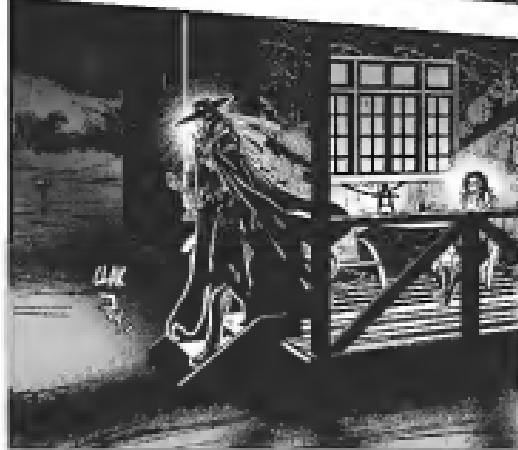




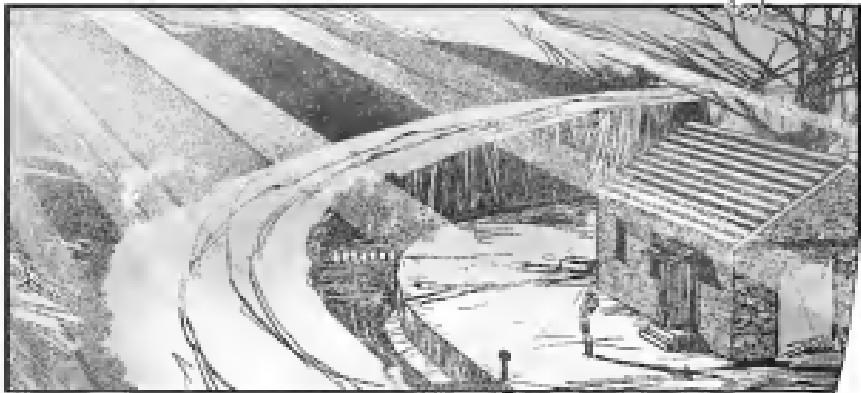


I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED BUT...

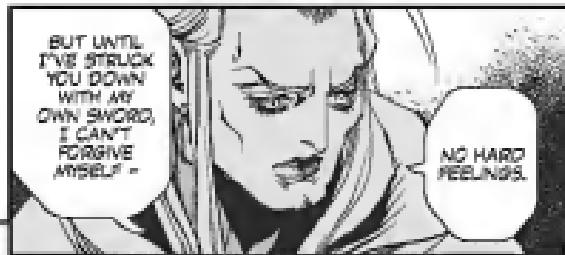




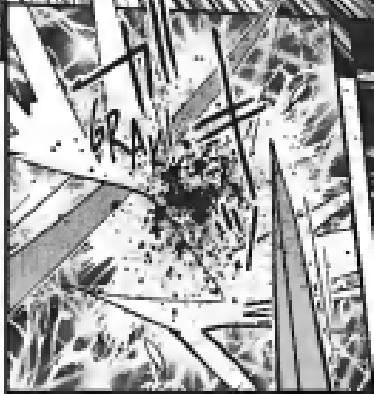


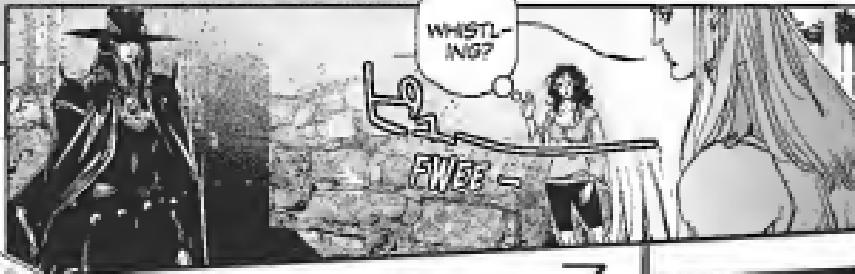
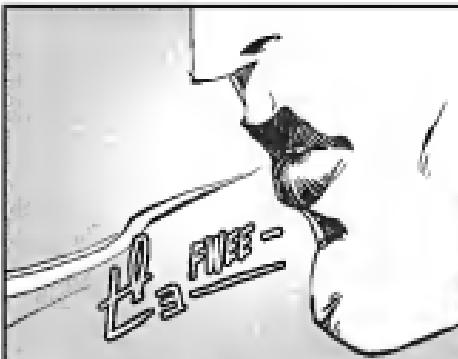


















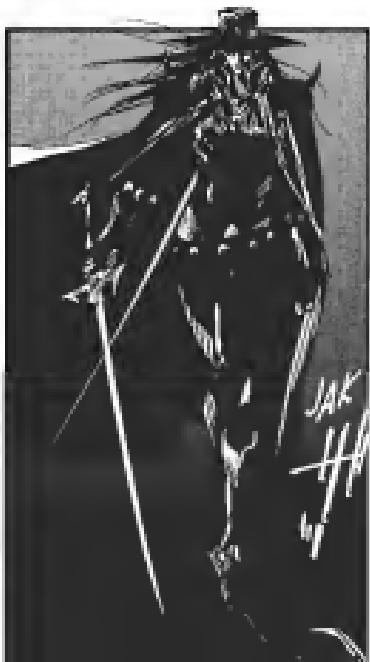


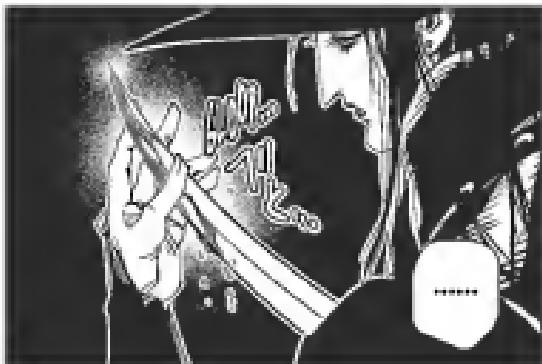




WE'LL HAVE TO POST-  
PONE THIS.

BOTH OF  
US HAVE  
BEEN  
HEAVILY  
WOUNDED.  
SURELY  
HE—



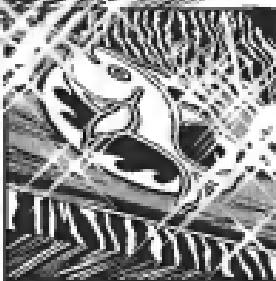
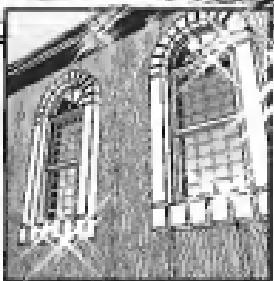






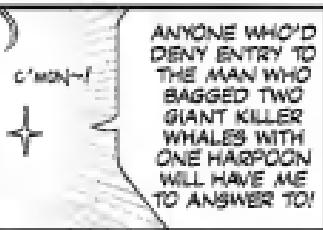
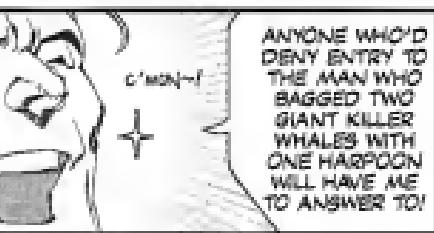


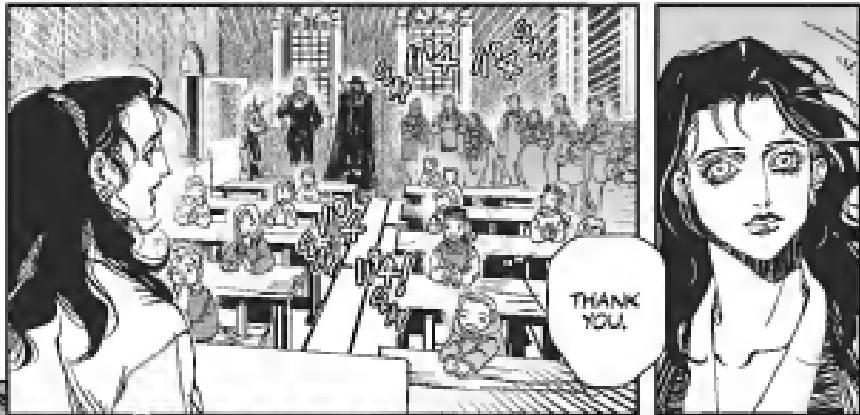






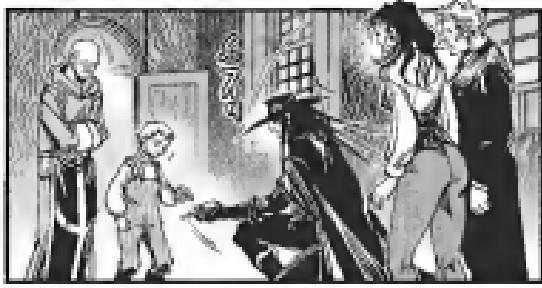


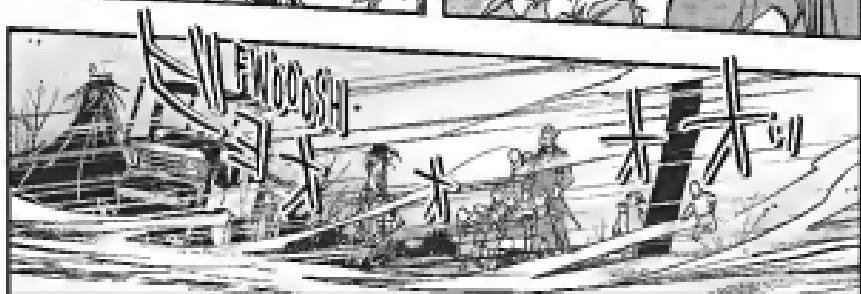
















THE ONLY ONE IN THIS WORLD WHO CAN COMPREHEND THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEANING BEHIND THAT BEAD AND MAKE USE OF IT...

—IS ME.

BUT THEY ARE ALL IGNORANT BARBARIANS;

THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME WEIRD CHARACTERS LINKED TO THAT BEAD...

THAT TREASURE IS WASTED ON THEM.

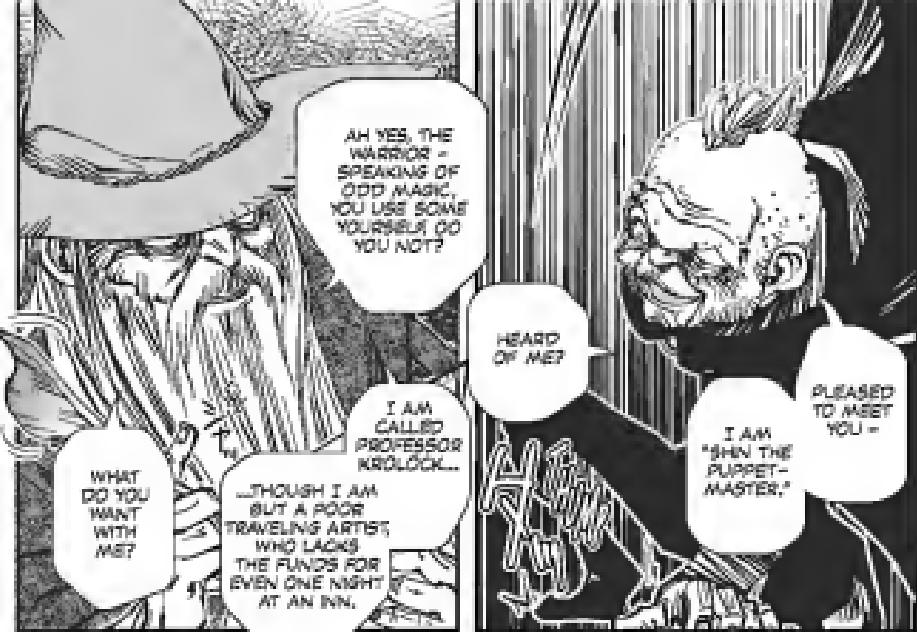
GOOD AT KILLING PEOPLE, BUT UNABLE TO READ EVEN A SINGLE CHEMICAL SYMBOL...

THEN LET'S MAKE IT TWO OF US.

WHO'S THERE?!

WHO MIGHT YOU BE?

...YOU'RE THE ONE WHO USED AN ODD MAGIC ON SAMON, AREN'T YOU?



CHOOSE WHERE THE CURRENT IS STRONGEST, SO THAT YOUR BODY WILL NOT WASH UP FOR SOME TIME...

I WANT YOU TO GO TO CERTAIN DEATH.

YOU MUSTN'T SWIM.

I WANT YOU TO LEAVE HERE WITHOUT A WORD. GO TO THE PROMONTORY WHERE THERE'S NO ONE AROUND, AND THROW YOURSELF OFF THE CLIFF.

NOW LISTEN -

WHAT?

UNDERSTOOD.

Pop!

BUT YOU CAN'T SEE ME.

NOW I UNDERSTAND HOW YOUR MAGIC WORKS.

NOW - HOW SHALL I DEAL WITH YOU?

YOU CRAFTY OLD GEEZER.

UH!

SLUMP



AT  
LEAST...



NO -  
I CAN'T  
KILL  
YOU.



YES -  
AT LEAST  
UNTIL I'VE  
BECOME  
ONE OF THE  
MOBILITY!



???

...BUT  
YOU'LL  
NEVER BE  
OUT OF MY  
CONTROL.

HERE -



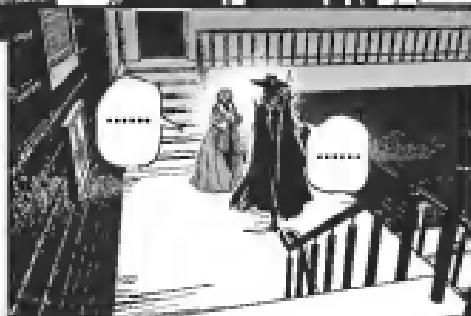
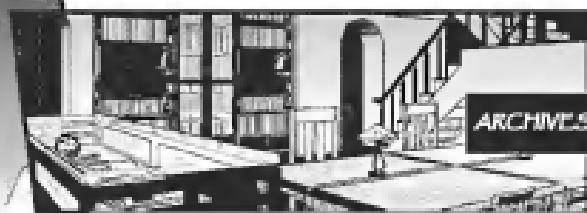
A LITTLE  
MECHANICAL  
TOY OF MINE,  
WITH A  
POISON-  
INJECTING  
CAPABILITY,  
TOO.



FOR THE  
SAKE OF  
BOTH OUR  
INTERESTS,  
DON'T DO  
ANYTHING  
RASH.

NO MATTER  
WHERE YOU ARE,  
I WILL KNOW  
YOUR  
MOVEMENTS,  
HEAR YOUR  
VOICE, THROUGH  
THIS BUG.

SURELY  
EVEN YOU  
CAN'T SEE  
THE BACK  
OF YOUR  
OWN NECK.



SUMMER ---  
SUMMER IS  
COMING





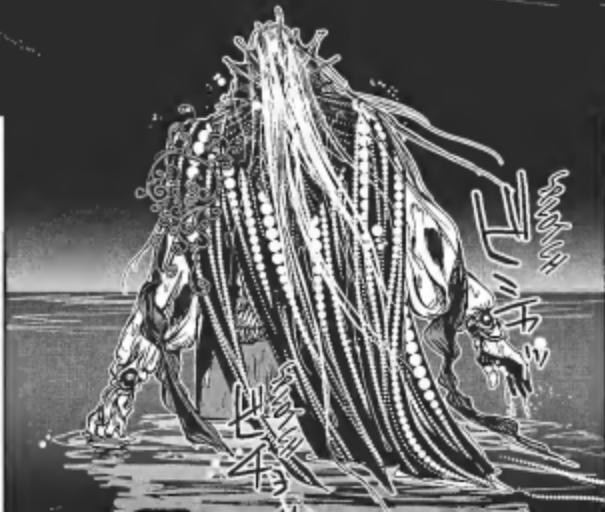
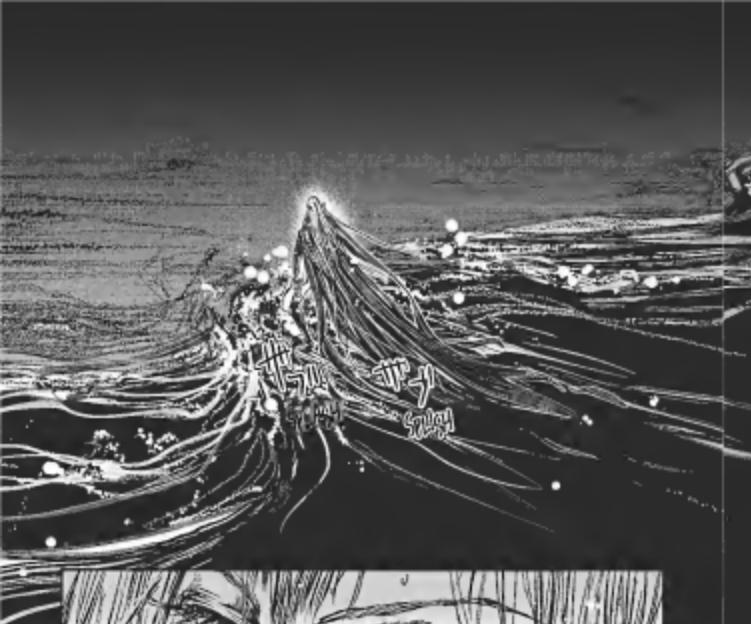
—A WOMAN?

AH.

...WHO IS THAT?

NOW I UNDERSTAND...

CRASH





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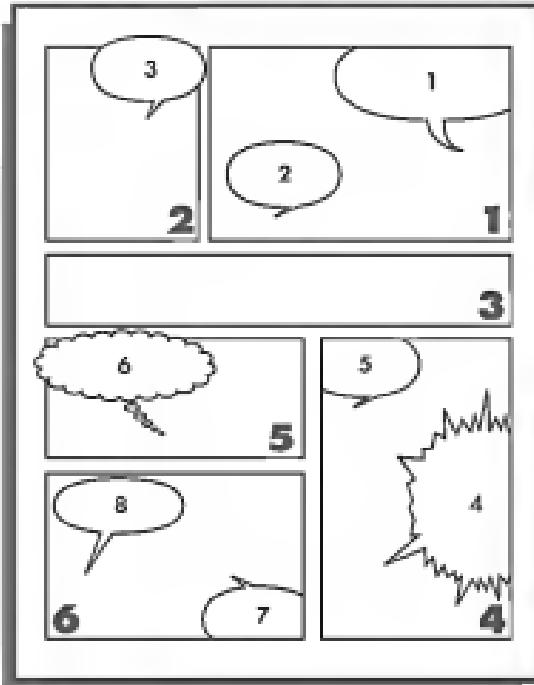
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In a fleeting last breath, a beautiful woman on her deathbed hands a strange gemstone to D and asks that he deliver it to her sister in a remote North Sea fishing village. As D cuts across never-ending expanses of Frontier in search of his seaside destination, he is relentlessly attacked by wave after wave of mercenary and monster... all employed by the man who murdered the young girl. In order to grant a dying wish, D must find a way to keep this priceless jewel out of everyone's covetous reach, and all without sacrificing his own life!

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